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PRESS RELEASE

DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY FOR DR SUSAN LIM MEY LEE

1. We refer to the judgment of the High Court on Dr Susan Lim Mey Lee's application for judicial review in relation to the SMC's appointment of the 2nd Disciplinary Committee ("the 2nd DC") to inquire into the complaint against Dr Lim.
2. Dr Lim's application has been dismissed. Justice Philip Pillai affirmed the validity of the SMC's appointment of the 2nd DC. The Court found that the SMC was empowered to appoint a 2nd DC and the processes of that appointment were in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Registration Act ("MRA"). The Judge noted that the statutory framework of the MRA provides the structure of procedural safeguards to protect the interests of the public as well as the medical practitioner.
3. The Judge also found that Dr Lim's assertions of bias were totally unsupported by the evidence on record. As regards Dr Lim's assertions of some reasonable apprehension of bias, the Judge similarly found that an examination of the circumstances revealed that there was no basis to Dr Lim's assertions. Indeed, the Court found that there was factual evidence to the contrary; the record shows that the SMC approved the composition of the 2nd DC to include two new members who were not SMC members when the 1st DC was appointed, with the third member being from the private sector.
4. The SMC notes the Court's finding that no allegation has been made by Dr Lim, nor is there anything on the record, of any personal bias, ill will or abuse of position on the part of any member of the SMC against Dr Lim.
5. The SMC will continue with the ongoing disciplinary proceedings against Dr Lim and will continue to take all steps to ensure a full, fair and timely hearing of the matter.

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