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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL INQUIRY FOR DR WONG KEE MIEW SOLOMON**

1. The Singapore Medical Council (“SMC”) held a Disciplinary Tribunal (“DT”) inquiry for Dr Wong Kee Miew Solomon (“Dr Wong”) on 26 May 2014 (“the hearing”).
2. Dr Wong, aged 42 years, was a registered medical practitioner practising at the General Psychiatry Department of the Institute of Mental Health at the material time.
3. The proceedings arose from a complaint lodged by a representative of the Institute of Mental Health on 14 March 2012 to the SMC in relation to an allegation by Dr Wong’s former patient (“the Patient”) that he had carried on a sexual relationship with the Patient until February 2012.
4. At the hearing, Dr Wong faced one charge of misusing his professional position to pursue and establish an improper relationship with the Patient under his care during the period from 4 April 2011 to 14 October 2011 and for entering into and maintaining such relationship with the Patient from November 2011 to February 2012. Dr Wong pleaded guilty to the charge before the DT and was accordingly convicted.
5. In considering an appropriate sentence to be imposed, the DT noted that the misconduct of having a sexual relationship with a patient was particularly grave and brought disrepute to the profession. The DT also recognised that Dr Wong had initiated and pursued the relationship with the Patient.

6. In relation to the fact that Dr Wong had left the hospital grounds whilst on duty to pursue his relationship with the Patient, the DT noted that he had ensured that he remained contactable by telephone on those occasions. The DT had also noted that Dr Wong was undergoing therapy and counselling and attending a course on “Maintaining Proper Boundaries”.
7. Having reviewed all the circumstances of the case and considering the submission and precedents cited, the DT ordered that Dr Wong:-
  - (a) be suspended from medical practice for a period of **24 months** and give a written undertaking to the SMC that he will not apply for registration of any form with the SMC during the period of the suspension;
  - (b) be censured;
  - (c) give a written undertaking to the SMC that he will abstain, in future, from the conduct complained of and any similar conduct; and
  - (d) pay the cost and expenses of and incidental to these proceedings, including the costs of the solicitors to the SMC.
8. The DT also ordered the Grounds of Decision to be published.
9. Dr Wong's 24-month suspension took effect from **26 June 2014 and will run to 25 June 2016 (both dates inclusive)**.

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