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PROFESSOR ALAN WONG WAI PONG APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

Professor Alan Wong Wai Pong will assume the role of President of the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC) from 1 April 2023, taking over Dr Lau Hong Choon who has helmed the Council for 10 years from 2013 to 2023.

2. As the first AHPC President, Dr Lau played a key role in the implementation of the Allied Health Professions (AHP) Act. Under his leadership, the Council worked to safeguard patient safety by ensuring that allied health professionals adhere to professional standards when caring for patients through its regulatory requirements.

3. During Dr Lau's term, the AHPC implemented regulatory processes and standard supervisory assessments on competency for all newly registered allied health professionals before they can obtain full registration to practise independently. These include the criteria for newly registered allied health professionals to practise under supervision at approved places, and to ensure that supervision is carried out appropriately and responsibly. The AHPC also established the Complaints Panel and disciplinary processes to manage complaints related to allied health professionals' professional conduct.

4. Professor Wong, a physiotherapist by training, has represented allied health professionals in various national professional committees. He was a member of the pro tem AHPC under the Ministry of Health (MOH) from 2010 to 2012. He led the Physiotherapy Implementation Committee from 2011 to 2012 to implement the first phase of the AHP Act after it was passed in Parliament in 2011. Since 2013, Professor Wong has been a member of AHPC and chief trainer of supervisors in the five Allied Health professions, namely diagnostic radiographers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, radiation therapists and speech therapists. He was also the chairperson of the AHPC's Complaints Panel between 2014 and 2022.

5. On the professional front, Professor Wong worked in Singapore General Hospital from 1996 to 2012 before assuming the role of Cluster Director, Health and Social Sciences (HSS) Cluster, Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) from 2015 to 2022, where he was involved in setting up allied health programmes. He is currently a Professor at SIT.

6. MOH expresses our appreciation to Dr Lau for his contributions and extends a warm welcome to Professor Wong.