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**PROFESSOR NG WAI HOE TO SUCCEED PROFESSOR IVY NG
AS THE NEXT GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SINGHEALTH**

Singapore, 3 July 2023 – SingHealth today announced two key leadership changes. Professor Ivy Ng will be passing the baton to Professor Ng Wai Hoe as the Group Chief Executive Officer, SingHealth, after 12 years of outstanding service. Professor Ng Wai Hoe is currently the Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer (Strategy & Planning) [DGCEO (S&P)], SingHealth, and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Changi General Hospital (CGH). He will be appointed as Group Chief Executive Officer (Designate), SingHealth, on 1 August 2023 and subsequently as Group Chief Executive Officer, SingHealth, on 1 February 2024. He will relinquish his appointments as DGCEO (S&P), SingHealth, and CEO, CGH, on the same date.

Taking over Prof Ng Wai Hoe as CEO, CGH, is Clinical Associate Professor Ng Kee Chong, who is currently Deputy Group Chairman Medical Board (Disease Outbreak and Preparedness) [DGCMB (DO&P)], SingHealth. Clin Assoc Prof Ng will be appointed CEO (Designate), CGH, on 1 August 2023, and subsequently CEO, CGH, on 1 February 2024. He will continue in his role as DGCMB (DO&P).

“We are deeply grateful to Professor Ivy Ng for her distinguished leadership. Compassion, an unwavering belief in the importance of staff well-being and engagement as well as her unstinting support for staff during challenging times are the distinctive hallmarks of her leadership. She is a visionary and inspirational leader who has transformed SingHealth over the past decade. Under her strategic guidance in establishing and fostering the academic medicine culture, SingHealth is, today, a leading, global Academic Medical Centre in partnership with Duke-NUS Medical School, and a healthcare cluster of choice nationally with several of its institutions consistently ranked among the best in the region and in the world,” said Mr Cheng Wai Keung, Chairman, SingHealth.

Mr Cheng added, “Professor Ng Wai Hoe is an exemplary clinician leader and researcher. I look forward to him harnessing his extensive experience as well as excellent understanding of clinical and management perspectives, with his unique brand of leadership, to lead and propel SingHealth to greater heights of clinical and academic medicine achievements as the new Group Chief Executive Officer.”

Prof Ng Wai Hoe is a respected neurosurgeon who has paved the way for world-class research programmes in Parkinson’s Disease and Neuro-oncology and developing, through strategic partnerships, research in areas such as brain-computer interface, artificial intelligence and other innovative technologies at the National Neuroscience Institute where he was Medical Director.

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At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in July 2020, he took over the leadership reins at CGH. Under Prof Ng's dynamic and astute leadership, CGH has consolidated its reputation as one of Singapore's Best Employers and as a leader in healthcare innovation and in pushing the frontiers of regional and community care. CGH has been consistently ranked by Newsweek to be one of the best and smart hospitals in the world. During his tenure, Prof Ng has also strategically positioned CGH as a key medical partner across the aviation and correctional and rehabilitation industries, as well as trailblazed collaborations that will advance care for youths and seniors, especially those who are vulnerable, in the community.

"I am deeply humbled for this privilege to lead SingHealth's next phase of growth as a globally recognised Academic Medical Centre. I am also excited with the opportunity to pave the way forward in redefining care delivery paradigms as we pivot towards population health as a nation. I stand on the shoulders of giants and have a strong leadership team. Building on the solid foundation laid by Professor Ivy Ng, we will leverage the collective strengths of SingHealth and its institutions to define tomorrow's medicine for public healthcare and to foster a healthier future for Singaporeans," said Prof Ng Wai Hoe.

Chief Executive Officer, CGH

Helming the leadership of CGH will be Clin Assoc Prof Ng Kee Chong, a pioneer in paediatric emergency medicine and a well-respected leader, who led the KK Women's and Children Hospital Medical Board with distinction over the past six years. With keen insight and deep commitment to clinical strategy policy, governance, clinical services and quality, clinical infrastructure capacity and patient safety as well his wealth of medical leadership experience, Prof Ng Kee Chong stands in good stead to continue advancing CGH's quest for excellence in clinical and community care services, education and research.

About Singapore Health Services (SingHealth)

SingHealth, Singapore's largest public healthcare cluster, is committed to providing affordable, accessible and quality healthcare to patients. With a network of acute hospitals, national specialty centres, polyclinics and community hospitals offering over 40 clinical specialties, it delivers comprehensive, multidisciplinary and integrated care. Beyond hospital walls, SingHealth partners community care providers to enable the population to keep well, get well and live well. As part of the SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre, SingHealth also focuses on advancing education and research to continuously improve care outcomes for patients. For more information, please visit: www.singhealth.com.sg

Members of the SingHealth group

Hospitals (Tertiary Specialty Care):

Singapore General Hospital, Changi General Hospital, Sengkang General Hospital and KK Women's and Children's Hospital

National Specialty Centres (Tertiary Specialty Care):

National Cancer Centre Singapore, National Dental Centre Singapore, National Heart Centre Singapore, National Neuroscience Institute, and Singapore National Eye Centre

SingHealth Polyclinics (Primary Care):

Bedok, Bukit Merah, Eunos, Marine Parade, Outram, Pasir Ris, Punggol, Sengkang, Tampines, *Tampines North (expected completion: 2023) and Kaki Bukit (expected completion: 2025)*

SingHealth Community Hospitals (Intermediate and Long-term Care):

Bright Vision Community Hospital, Sengkang Community Hospital, and Outram Community Hospital

About Changi General Hospital

Delivering trusted care since 1935, CGH drives research, innovation and education to transform healthcare for positive patient and population health outcomes. Consistently ranked among the world's best, smart and specialised hospitals, CGH is a tertiary referral centre offering a comprehensive range of medical specialties by a multidisciplinary, dedicated care team.

CGH is a member of Singapore Health Services (SingHealth).

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Professor Ivy Ng
MBBS (NUS), MMed (Paediatrics) (NUS), FRCP (Edinburgh), FRCPC (London), FAMS

Professor Ivy Ng is an accomplished clinician-leader with a strong vision and deep passion for academic medicine. During her tenure as Group Chief Executive Officer, SingHealth, the cluster has welcomed Sengkang General Hospital and SingHealth Community Hospitals, with plans in place for the new Eastern General Hospital. She also oversaw infrastructure rejuvenation for the new CGH Medical Centre, the Punggol and Eunos Polyclinics, the new National Cancer Centre Singapore, as well as the re-development of Singapore General Hospital (SGH) Campus, including the SGH Emergency Medicine Building, slated to be ready in 2024 and the SGH Elective Care Centre and new National Dental Centre Singapore in 2027. Prof Ivy has also brought about considerable rationalisation, streamlining, and strengthening of cluster organisation, systems and processes, resulting in quantum leaps in efficiencies, optimisation and synergies across the full spectrum of healthcare services provided by SingHealth.

On the academic medicine front, Prof Ivy was the key driving force in envisioning and crystallising strategies in establishing and reinforcing SingHealth's standing as a thriving AMC in partnership with Duke-NUS Medical School. Today, the AMC boasts of 15 Academic Clinical Programmes, 15 SingHealth Duke-NUS Disease Centres (SDDCs) and 17 Joint Research Institutes that synergistically amalgamate the unique clinical expertise of SingHealth and teaching excellence of Duke-NUS Medical School to advance academic medicine. Prof Ivy is also a strong advocate of the use of technology and has been instrumental in establishing the AMC as a world-class hub for innovation.

Upon relinquishing her appointment, Prof Ivy will be appointed to the SingHealth Board of Advisors as Senior Advisor, SingHealth Board. As Senior Advisor, SingHealth Board, Prof Ivy's role will include providing advice on policies, helming the newly formed Leadership Coaching & Mentoring Council, and accelerating SingHealth's efforts in academic medicine through continued partnerships in fostering a strong culture of philanthropic giving.

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Professor Ng Wai Hoe
Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer, SingHealth (Strategy & Planning)
Chief Executive Officer, Changi General Hospital

Professor Ng Wai Hoe is a respected neurosurgeon, a clinician-leader and researcher. Under Prof Ng's dynamic leadership, CGH has consolidated its reputation as a leader in healthcare innovation and in pushing the frontiers of regional and community care. In March 2023, for the fifth year running, CGH was ranked World's Best Hospitals (Singapore) 2023 by Newsweek. CGH has also been consistently ranked among the best in Newsweek's World's Best Smart Hospitals (Artificial Intelligence), and World's Best Specialised Hospitals (Pulmonology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Oncology). In 2023, CGH was recognised by Statista as one of Singapore's Best Employers.

Prof Ng Wai Hoe led CGH to forge a 10-year strategic collaboration with SingHealth Polyclinics and Singapore Prison Services, to provide enhanced medical services to prison inmates. He has led the way for CGH to partner different stakeholders to establish numerous key population health programmes including the Neighbours For Active Living, an initiative with South East Community Development Council to support vulnerable seniors with complex health-social needs; CareLine, a personal care telephone service providing 24/7 urgent support to vulnerable seniors; and YoOP!, a youth outreach designed to improve mental health literacy and identify and support peers at risk. The CGH-NNI Integrated Spine Centre and Wound Healing Centres were established during his tenure which have elevated and established new standards of care. CGH also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) to provide Aviation Medicine Services to Airline Pilots and Air Traffic Controllers in Changi Airport.

Prior to CGH, Prof Ng Wai Hoe was the Medical Director at the National Neuroscience Institute (NNI). He also served as Deputy Group Chairman Medical Board, SingHealth, and led the establishment of several SingHealth Duke-NUS Disease Centres. Prof Ng has published extensively and sits on the Editorial Boards of several major neurosurgery journals, such as the Journal of Clinical Neuroscience and CNS Oncology. He has wide administrative experience at the national level having served as the Chairman of the MOH Residency Advisory Committee – Neurosurgery; Chairman of the Chapter of Neurosurgeons (Singapore); Panel of Chairmen of Disciplinary Tribunal with the Singapore Medical Council and Co-chairperson of the Workgroup to Review the Taking of Informed Consent and SMC Disciplinary Processes, among many other roles.

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