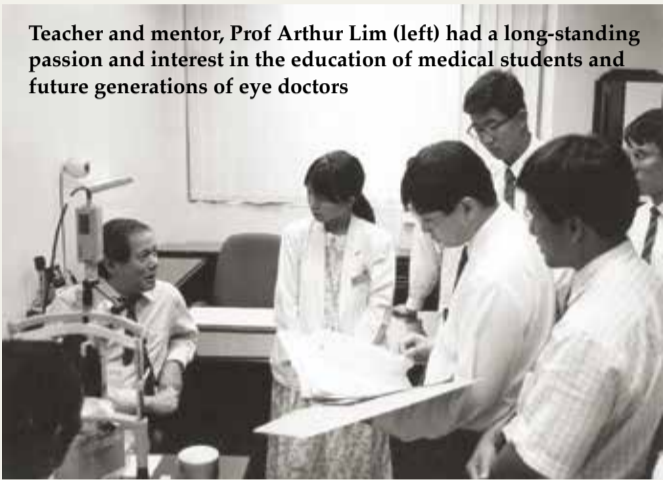


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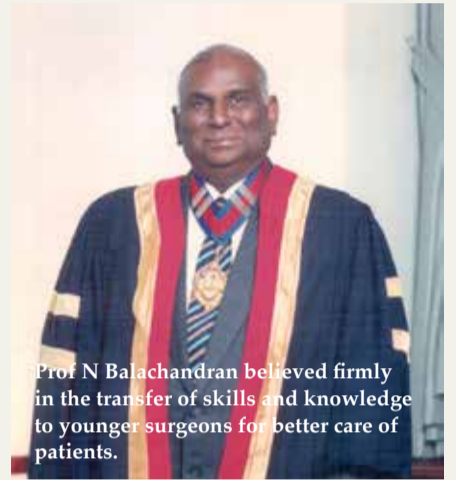
## Nurturing medical giants Professorships: lasting tributes to excellence



Teacher and mentor, Prof Arthur Lim (left) had a long-standing passion and interest in the education of medical students and future generations of eye doctors



From left to right: Prof Lim (right), with Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Prof Donald Tan and Prof Wong Tien Yin at the launch of the Arthur Lim Professorship in Ophthalmology



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Over the past year, plans to establish two key Professorships – the ‘Arthur Lim Professorship in Ophthalmology’ and the ‘Balachandran-Kajima Professorship in Academic Medicine’ – took shape. In 2011, the inaugural ‘Benjamin Sheares Professorship in Academic Medicine’ was launched. Professor Soo Khee Chee, Dy Group CEO (Research and Education) and Director of the National Cancer Centre Singapore, was the recipient of this Professorship.

### The Arthur Lim Professorship in Ophthalmology

Established in January 2014, this Professorship honours medical visionary Professor Arthur Lim Siew Meng. The \$2.5 million gift came from the Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC) Health Research Endowment Fund, which attracted a dollar-for-dollar matching grant from the Ministry of Education through Duke-NUS.

A founding father, leader, teacher and mentor, Prof Lim was a pioneer in his field in the 1970s. He firmly believed that, “If you perform a good eye operation, you restore vision to one man. But if you spread the

teachings of good quality eye surgery to your colleagues, they will ultimately restore vision to millions of blind victims in the world.” Through international appointments and collaborations during his distinguished career, Prof Lim put Singapore on the world map for excellence in Ophthalmology.

**“A doctor’s true wealth is the good he does for others in the world.”**

– Prof Arthur Lim

Prof Lim’s deep passion and foresight for medicine and clinical research gained him much respect from his peers. This named Professorship recognises his lifelong dedication to developing quality eye care, education and research in Singapore, with far-reaching contributions to the world.

### The proposed ‘Balachandran-Kajima Professorship in Academic Medicine’

Professor Navaratnam Balachandran devoted more than four and a half decades of his life to Medicine. A humanitarian, teacher, mentor and friend, he touched the

lives of countless Orthopaedic surgeons, nurses, staff and patients. He was renowned for the legendary care, compassion and concern he had for his patients, regardless of their social standings. Prof Balachandran also believed firmly in the transfer of skills and knowledge to younger surgeons for better care of patients.

The proposed ‘Balachandran-Kajima Professorship in Academic Medicine’ will honour one of Singapore’s greatest medical luminaries in the field of Orthopaedics. It will commemorate his distinguished contributions and multiply it many times over to preserve the legacy of excellence in future generations of clinicians.

This proposed Professorship also recognises the generosity of Kajima Overseas Asia, who pledged \$1 million dollars in support of Academic Medicine. About \$1.5 million is being raised to bring the total endowed value of the Professorship to \$2.5 million, to attract a potential dollar-to-dollar matching grant from the Government.

### Why Make a Gift Towards Professorships?

To be one of the top Academic Medical Centres in the region, on par with the very best in the world, we need to attract and retain the best talent. Endowed distinguished Professorships make this possible.

As a donor, you understand the strategic importance of your gift in ensuring that our children and future generations will continue to live long, healthy lives. Your gift ensures the brightest minds are convened to focus on finding solutions to specific medical issues, translating discoveries to cures and spur advances in these areas.

To find out more making a gift, please email [giving@singhealth.com.sg](mailto:giving@singhealth.com.sg)

**“Sharing and caring must be the hallmark of the medical profession and should be taught by example.”**

– Prof N Balachandran

### About Professorships

Professorships are established under the partnership between SingHealth and Duke-NUS in Academic Medicine. They nurture outstanding academic leadership in medical research and teaching to advance medical science and Medicine to benefit patients.

The most prestigious faculty appointments in Academic Medicine centres, Professorships further the extraordinary achievements of the distinguished recipient. It is both an honour to the named holder of the appointment, as well as an enduring tribute to the medical luminaries in whose name the Professorship is created.

## Teacher Clinician Leader

\$1.7 million raised for Tan Cheng Lim Research and Education Fund



Prof Tan Cheng Lim (standing on left) with colleagues, nurses and patients in Mistri Wing Ward

John F Kennedy once said, “One man can make a difference.”

This is exemplified by the selfless service of Emeritus Consultant Professor Tan Cheng Lim of KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital (KKH), over five decades. Well-loved among his patients and students for his peerless tutelage and tireless dedication, Prof Tan is arguably Singapore’s longest-serving public service paediatrician.

One of his mentees, Assoc. Prof Chan Mei Yoke, Head of the Department of Paediatric Subspecialties, Haematology / Oncology Service at KKH said: “Prof Tan is one of the main reasons why I went into Paediatric Haematology / Oncology. I was fortunate to work under him in my first job as a newly graduated doctor and the positive

experience there laid the foundation for my interest. Even during his infamous “clown shows” where a trainee was put on the spot to answer his questions, he never belittled anyone and would wait patiently for our (scrambled!) thought processes to straighten out and come up with a credible answer! He encourages (he calls before exams to wish us good luck!), supports (he facilitated my extra year in training overseas) and is such an inspiring role model for me, not just in my career but in my life!”

Another mentee, Dr Irene Chan, former head of the Children’s Intensive Care Unit at KKH, describes Prof Tan’s remarkable characteristics with the acronym “**PICU**”: **P**-Personal and Patient, **I**-Inspiring and Impressive, **C**-Caring and Compassionate, and **U**-Unassuming and Understanding.

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# A beam of hope for cancer patients

National Cancer Centre Singapore's Charity Gala raises \$55 million

On 29 March 2014, the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) Colours of Hope Charity Gala received tremendous support from individuals and philanthropic partners for the setting up of the Proton Beam Therapy Treatment facility and cancer research. Held at the Ritz-Carlton Millennia Singapore, the event raised a total of \$55.1 million dollars, an encouraging start to NCCS' continuing fundraising efforts towards the proton technology, translational and clinical research initiatives as well as other causes such as needy patients.

The Goh Foundation donated \$50 million – with \$40 million in support of the setting up of the cutting-edge Proton Beam Treatment technology and another \$10 million towards cancer research. This is, by far, the largest donation from a single donor that NCCS has received since its inception 14 years ago. This is not the first time the Foundation has given to NCCS. It donated \$10 million in the 1990s towards the building of the current NCCS building and another \$3 million in memory of the late President Wee Kim Wee in 2005.

Said Mr Goh Cheng Liang, founder of the Goh Foundation, "We are pleased to give our support to NCCS for the good work that it has been doing all these years to build up a strong team of cancer specialists and address the needs of the community. The acquisition of the proton technology



is a significant step in equipping NCCS to achieve its vision to be a global leading cancer centre."

**“ To become a global leading centre for cancer care, we need to continually invest in our resources and strengthen our healthcare infrastructure. NCCS alone cannot meet this goal. We have to work together with the government and the private sector, tapping on the spirit of philanthropy to meet the funding requirements. ”**

- Prof Soo Khee Chee

During the dinner, three other major donors also presented cheques to President Tony Tan Keng Yam, who was the Guest-of-Honour at the event. They are Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple who pledged \$1.5 million dollars, the late Mrs Irene Bronsveld and an anonymous donor who donated \$1 million dollars each.

The 62-table gala dinner, which was sponsored by Mr Kwee Liong Seen of Pontiac Land, inaugurated NCCS' appeal to the generosity of the community to support the cancer cause. During the dinner, Prof Soo Khee Chee, Director, NCCS, expressed his gratitude for the community including

patients, colleagues, individuals and corporations who had given of their time, talent and resources in paying it forward to help others in need. He emphasised that this nobility in endeavours must be matched by excellence in clinical delivery, education and research, as exemplified by the spirit of pursuing academic medicine. By partnering like-minded individuals who have the spirit of philanthropy and continue to invest in good for itself, NCCS can and will continue to work hard to become a global leading centre for cancer care, offer hope to patients by providing the best care, having the best people and doing the best research.

The 'Colours of Hope' Charity Gala highlighted the myriads of hope for cancer patients through individual and corporate philanthropy. The dinner's creative theme, symbolised by colourful origami cranes, took inspiration from the story of a 12-year-old Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki, who suffered from leukaemia. She unfortunately succumbed to her illness before she could complete her goal to fold 1,000 paper cranes in order to be granted a wish. Encouraged by her determination, Sadako's family and friends completed her unfinished task. In the same spirit, NCCS staff, patients, family members, caregivers, volunteers and well-wishes embarked on a month-long journey to fold about 3,000 colourful paper cranes that adorned the event hall. Each guest was also presented with a crane in appreciation of their support.



## About the Proton Beam Treatment Facility

In early 2013, NCCS received the go-ahead from the Ministry of Health to acquire the proton therapy technology. The treatment is effective for a wide range of cancers. The energy of the proton beams can be controlled to precisely release high-dose cancer-cell-killing energy directed in the tumour. It is particularly effective for treating tumours in difficult areas of the body such as the brain or near critical organs, and in children. It is also suitable for treating recurrent cancers that standard x-ray radiation therapy may not be able to.

Patients can benefit from minimal harmful radiation exposure and damage to nearby healthy tissues and organs, hence reducing treatment-related side effects. Estimated to cost about \$140 million dollars, the acquisition of the proton beam therapy will be a major milestone in cancer care for our community and for Singapore as Asia's leading medical hub.

**For more information about giving to NCCS, please visit [www.nccs.com.sg/giving](http://www.nccs.com.sg/giving).**



Prof Tan Cheng Lim (second from left) and his family with Prof Ivy Ng, SingHealth Group CEO and KKH's senior management at the Festschrift Dinner held in his honour on 22 February 2014

### \$1.7 million raised for Tan Cheng Lim Research and Education Fund

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She said, "Without the exemplary contributions and deep commitment of Prof Tan, intensive care for children would not have developed to what it is today. I am proud to have trained under the mentorship of this distinguished yet humble doctor."

Prof Tan displays the same boundless care and concern for his patients. One patient's mother, Ms Helena Mahesan, holds dear the memory of Prof Tan's compassionate care towards her six-year-old son, who was diagnosed with terminal malignant lymphoma Stage 4, and her entire family. "Prof Tan embodies the ethos of an outstanding and astute paediatric physician. Whenever we are in his company, we learn what books do not teach. He is a true gentleman to all, gentle

in his speech and actions, and a man who treats everyone with dignity."

Prof Tan's selfless giving has inspired many others. This is evident from the overwhelmingly successful launch of the Tan Cheng Lim Research and Education Fund by the SingHealth Duke-NUS Paediatrics Academic Clinical Program during the Festschrift dinner in his honour on 22 February 2014.

To date, more than \$1.7 million has been raised through donations and pledges towards this fund to create a lasting legacy of compassionate care for a teacher, clinician and leader extraordinaire. The fund aims to pioneer advances in paediatric medicine, promote innovative research to discover new cures for patients, and prepare paediatric healthcare leaders of the future.

## 'Agent of philanthropy' urges others to make a difference



One of the supporters of the Tan Cheng Lim Research and Education Fund who has his own significant sphere of influence is philanthropist Mr KH Tan, the founder and managing director of Newsman Realty.

This luxury residence real estate entrepreneur was aptly dubbed the "agent of philanthropy" by The Edge Singapore as he has set up more than 80 scholarships and bursaries in tertiary institutes. He has also been a strong supporter of the KKH Health Endowment Fund (KKHHEF) as well as the SingHealth Duke-NUS Paediatrics and OBGYN Academic Clinical Programs.

### Q. Would you share with us why you give?

**A.** When I give, it is important to think about where the money goes. If it can go towards helping others who are in need, rather than for something frivolous, why not? KKH has a solid reputation and I have always felt that the KKH Health Endowment Fund is a very good cause. I fully believe in funding medical research to discover cures that will transform and save lives in the future.

### Q. What are some of your philanthropic goals?

**A.** Well, I have pledged to donate 17% of my company's net profit to KKHHEF this year. I also hope to inspire other individuals and corporations in Singapore to become more involved in donating their time and money to philanthropic work. I believe that as I share with others about how I feel compelled to give to KKHHEF because it saves lives, one by one they will follow suit and do the same.

### Q. If you have one piece of advice to give, what would it be?

**A.** Live a balanced life, be focused on what you want to do and do it well. Make a difference in the lives of others by giving meaningfully.

# For the love of mankind:

## An interview with Prof Soo Khee Chee

### As an active champion of philanthropic efforts, what does philanthropy mean to you?

The Greek word “philanthropos” combines two words – “philos” which means loving in the sense of benefiting or caring for and “anthropos” which means human being in the sense of humanity.\* Together, what we term today as ‘philanthropy’ refers to the love of mankind.

Therefore, the spirit of giving is, primarily, a partnership between those endowed with different resources, coming together to help mankind. As healthcare professionals, we give of our vision for healthcare of the future, our expertise and our infrastructure to help the sick and the needy. We do cutting edge research because we are at the forefront of research advancements and we partner those who can help us to achieve our goals, to help the community.

\*Source: Wikipedia

### What drives your passion for fundraising?

I see a real need for fundraising so that we can do our part to help the community. To me, fundraising is a lifelong professional investment. It starts from a physician’s relationship with his or her patients and over time, this develops into a friendship – with the patient and sometimes, his or her family members.

Fundraising is only a means to an end. The end is what we do together to help humankind. It is all about bringing in different people with different resources, at different times, in order for a project to succeed.

### What are some of the misconceptions that you think surround the idea of philanthropy?

There is a misconception that philanthropists are rich people. The fact is that nearly everyone, has something to offer – a good word for the institution, for example, or a small donation to help others who are in a similarly difficult circumstance.

We recently received a \$2000 donation from the family of one of our patients who had passed on. What is most heartening is that

the family insisted that we use the money to do research to help others suffering from the same illness even though the family probably needed the money more.

### Another common misconception that potential donors may have is that initiatives such as research and education should be government funded. Any thoughts?

The government provides good support for us to give good clinical service to our patients, but our needs go beyond these. To go the extra mile as a top academic medicine centre providing excellent medical education and research, we need to have flexibility and exercise discretion in our use of resources – for instance, to have access to resources that are not dependent on a grant cycle. Philanthropic resources, therefore, are enabling means for us to achieve our research and education goals.

The government cannot do and provide everything. The community must understand and believe in what we are doing. It must take ownership of these projects by becoming our partners because the beneficiary, really, is the community.

### What are some of the tips that you can share with us on being a good connector and facilitator for gifts? Why are they important?

Firstly, not everyone is passionate about the same causes. Therefore it is important to have different causes – different research areas or projects, causes to help the needy, initiatives for education and so on – and be able to articulate clearly what the need is.

Secondly, you need to understand people, to know what they care deeply about. Donors need to understand that these needs that you speak about are not the needs of the doctor. They are the needs of the community.

Most people have an altruistic intent and a desire to help fellow men. At the end of the day, it is about a careful matching of keen altruistic impulses from your network of friends and contacts with your portfolio of needs.

### What advice do you have for colleagues who want to take the first steps towards becoming active fundraisers?

Fundraising is both an art and a science (see side bar). I would urge colleagues who are keen to do more in this area to participate in some of the seminars that we are organising with professional fundraisers to learn more about the science aspect.

There is a fund of goodwill out there, and it would be a shame not to tap on its potential. Start by cultivating friendships with different people. Over time, start conversations with them. Convey your passion about your vision; what you feel are the important needs. Then let allow the potential partner-philanthropist to engage with you.

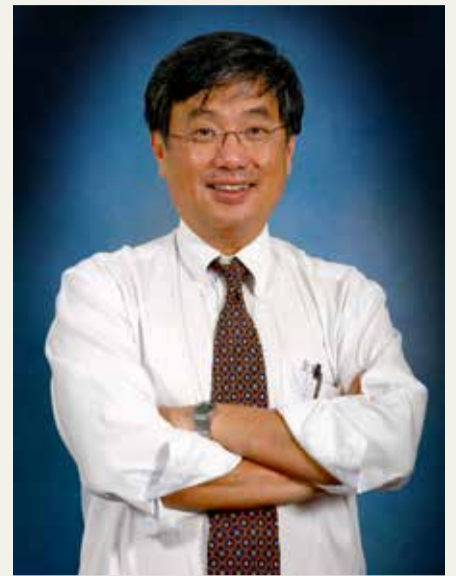
I must add that it does help to do little acts of kindness with no hidden agenda throughout one’s clinical practice.

### Do you have any stories that you can share with us on your fundraising experience so far?

There are many, many stories but I will share one. There is a particularly noble patient, Adrian, who suffered from recurrent head and neck cancer. We desperately tried to save him; I think I operated on him on at least three separate occasions. Adrian was both an artist and a poet. What was remarkable about him, apart from his fortitude, was that he always had three sisters who accompanied him on his medical appointments and cared deeply about his well-being.

On one particular outpatient visit, Adrian decided that he was going to will half of his house to NCCS, and the other half to his church. I immediately told him, ‘No, you should be willing it to your sisters instead,’ but he insisted. A few months later, after Adrian had passed away, we received some \$62,000 from the sale of his house.

I think these patients – Adrian and many others like him – are particularly noble. In the midst of all their sufferings, they are also thinking about others. This truly reflects the notion of the love for mankind.



According to Prof Soo, fundraising is both an art and a science.

#### Fundraising as a Science:

- The person making the ask is someone credible or someone donors trust. The giver shares the same vision for the project.
- There is evidence of good governance.
- There is evidence of good previous track record of exponential (not just incremental) achievements from previous gifts.
- There is good stewardship – the donor always knows how the project is developing or how the research is advancing.
- A lot of background work needs to be done to define the cause and understand the potential donor’s area(s) of passion.

#### Fundraising as an Art:

- Cultivating and developing friendships is key.
- It depends on one’s ability to articulate the need in a clear, convincing and compelling manner.
- The motivation to embark on fundraising has to come from within.

# The heart truth

## Supporting the potential of life-giving research and treatment

In 2013, the Heart2Heart Fund at the National Heart Centre Singapore (NHCS) raised more than \$250,000, in support of research and education initiatives, new treatment modalities for patients as well as needy patients.

Cardiovascular research offers the potential of saving the lives of heart patients and improving the quality of lives they lead. Some of the on-going projects are virus-free human induced pluripotent stem cells and cardiac stem cells research.

### Virus-free human induced pluripotent stem cells

One of the key research initiatives at NHCS involves the use of patients’ own skin cells to create beating heart cells for the repair of their damaged heart muscles. Known as the virus-free human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSC), the heart muscle cells that are created are genetically identical to the patient’s own heart cells. This offers patients the tremendous potential for survival, with a possible alternative to heart transplant.

### Cardiac stem cells research to prevent sudden cardiac death

Sudden cardiac death is caused by an abrupt loss in heart function and can occur in people who have not shown clinical signs of the disease. In cardiac stem cell research, researchers are able to produce beating heart cells from skin cells of patients on a petri dish. This enables them to test new treatments (drug-based and genetic-based) using this created heart cell muscles that have been cultivated externally without subjecting the patients to any risks. In future, this method can be used to perform tests for family members of patients who have died of sudden cardiac death with no clinical symptoms to find out if they have inherited the same disease. This will allow doctors to initiate early treatment, or assess the effectiveness of new treatments on the cells

outside the body before administering them in individuals.

### VAD implantation procedures

Every year, only three heart transplants are carried out in Singapore. With the extremely scarce number of suitable heart donors, the VAD implantation gives our patients time, and more importantly, hope.

For patients suffering from weakened hearts, generally caused by heart failure, the implantation of a ventricular assist device (VAD) has greatly improved their quality of life. A VAD is a mechanical pump that supports the heart function and blood flow in the

body. Blood is drawn from a lower chamber of the heart and helps pump it to the body and vital organs, mimicking the function of a healthy heart. While VAD is sometimes used as a bridge to heart transplant, many patients

have led normal lives with just the device. NHCS has been performing the VAD implantation procedure since 2009, with the youngest patient being 14 years old and the oldest patient was 68 years old.

The Heart2Heart Fund supports patients who may require assistance with this expensive procedure. Through the years, the Fund has distributed over \$200,000 to help VAD patients lead a normal life.

One of the Fund’s regular donor who has been giving to the Fund over the last few years, Ms L Agnes, shares, “Donating towards research is like making an investment into the future. While results cannot be seen immediately, its impact is felt in the future and can benefit countless people, one of whom may be your own family and friends.”

Heart disease is the second-biggest killer in Singapore, accounting for about one in three deaths. Each year, more than 100,000 patients seek treatment at NHCS. This number is expected to triple by 2015.

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– Ms L Agnes

# Donors unlock the potential of Medicine



Prof Ivy Ng, SingHealth Group CEO (middle) with donors, Mr & Mrs Sukanto Tanoto (left) and Mr & Mrs Tony Chew, founding and ex-Chairman of Duke-NUS Governing Board (right)

## Inaugural Duke-NUS Gala Dinner raises \$17 million for Academic Medicine

The SingHealth and Duke-NUS partnership to pursue Academic Medicine received a significant boost on 30 May 2013 at an inaugural gala dinner, organised by the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School. About \$17 million was raised from individuals, foundations, doctors, students and alumni for research and education programmes.

Philanthropic support is central in the shared mission to deliver top-notch education, transformational research breakthroughs and clinical care. Among the individual donors celebrated for her support in the future of Medicine was a former Singapore General Hospital senior staff nurse. The late Ms Tan Sew Kee had bequeathed the entire sale proceeds of her apartment towards research on an incurable motor-neuro disease (MND) that she succumbed to in August 2011. It was her most sincere wish that one day, advancements in MND treatments and care would help improve patients' quality of life and alleviate the emotional distress of their families. Another donor, the late Mr Tan Yew Hock, was convinced that it was worthwhile to support medical initiatives during his battle with cancer. He pledged \$1 million dollars to set up an endowed fund for enhancing faculty development to nurture medical educators, students and practitioners.

At the event, several philanthropic foundations including the Estate of Khoo Teck Puat, Lee Foundation, Lien Foundation, Goh Foundation and others were also acknowledged for their support in the early years of Duke-NUS.

"We are exceedingly grateful to such individuals, their families, organisations and foundations, as well as Duke-NUS students, staff, faculty and alumni, who have demonstrated faith, commitment and effort to achieve our common goal to improve patients' lives", said Prof Soo Khee Chee, Senior Vice Dean of Duke-NUS' Clinical and Academic Faculty Affairs, Deputy Group CEO of SingHealth and Chairman of the Gala dinner's organising committee.

Singapore's President Tony Tan Keng Yam graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour, which was attended by 900 guests at the Ritz-Carlton Millenia Singapore.



Guest-of-Honour Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Environment and Water Resources (second from left) with Prof Tan Ser Kiat, SingHealth Board Member and Patron for the organising committee (second from right) with Mr Lee Ek Tieng and Mr Moses Lee before the start of their game

## \$400,000 raised at SingHealth Charity Golf Tournament

Organised for the third year running, the SingHealth Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Sentosa Golf Club on 26 July 2013. Over \$400,000 was raised from like-minded individuals and corporations to support research initiatives under the SingHealth-Duke NUS academic clinical programs for Surgery, Ophthalmology and Cardiovascular disciplines. These funds were also garnered in support of the work of clinician-scientists and to enable more clinicians in SingHealth pursue opportunities in translational research.

The Guest-of-Honour at the event was Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Environment and Water Resources. Professor Tan Ser Kiat, SingHealth Board Member and Patron for the event's organising committee cited examples of research successes that were recently undertaken. These included the setting up of a databank to collect tissue samples from local heart patients so that cell molecules could be studied to understand causes of diseases such as stroke and the discovery of genes for central corneal thickness that could lead to eye conditions such as keratoconus that causes blindness. Other research and development studies on new medical devices that could potentially impact patient care for conditions such as obstructive sleep apnea were also being conducted.

These successes in research projects outlined the importance of donor support in enabling new cures and bring better outcomes to where it matters most – our patients and their loved ones.



Prof Tan Kok Chai (right) presenting the lucky draw prize to a supporter at the SingHealth Charity Golf 2013

## Philanthropy drives medical advancement

Five minutes with Prof Tan Kok Chai, organising chair for SingHealth Charity Golf 2013

**Q: What is the most rewarding aspect about organising this Charity Golf event?**

**A:** I'm really gratified by the continued support of our individual and corporate associates over the last three years. We have been able to raise close to \$1 million in total to support research projects.

**Q: What does philanthropy mean to you? Has your definition changed over time?**

**A:** To me, philanthropy means that those who are more successful in society will contribute and help the less privileged or needy to make our society a better and caring place.

Over the years, I think the focus of philanthropy has evolved to become more of an enabling tool for advancement in society rather than just monetary assistance.

**Q: In your view, how do you think philanthropy can play a part in supporting research and education programmes at SingHealth?**

**A:** Philanthropy support provides the seed funding for younger clinicians and healthcare professionals to embark on their research interests. In doing so, we hope to cultivate the spirit of curiosity and discover. Research discoveries will in turn translate into better care for those whom we treat. With successes in these research areas, they can then move on to compete for research grants on the national level in bigger and more comprehensive research programmes.

While there are national biomedical agencies who also do research, most of the medical research is carried out in the universities and public hospitals. In many overseas countries, philanthropy plays a major role in supporting medical research.

We hope to see a similar shift in mindset over time, with more like-minded individuals and corporations choosing to invest and partner us in making a difference for our patients.

## Advancing Medicine through SingHealth-Duke NUS Graduate Medical School Partnership

Leveraging on the collective strengths of SingHealth and Duke-NUS in research and clinical care, collaborations are focused on diseases relevant to the region such as cancer, cardiometabolic and infectious diseases, inflammation and immunology. This has allowed research teams to constantly challenge status quo to find new ways to improve patients' lives. Many SingHealth clinicians also teach at Duke-NUS. The cycle of learning and mentorship continues as Duke-NUS graduates join SingHealth's institutions to serve in public healthcare. Two joint institutes - the Academic Medicine Research Institute and the Academic Medicine Education Institute – have been set up to build a pool of educators to nurture a pipeline of healthcare professionals, clinician-scientists and clinician-investigators.

Academic Clinical Programs also bring together specialists in respective disciplines to work as one community to improve patient care and clinical outcomes.

## Upcoming Development Events

JUN-JUL	AUG	OCT	NOV
Singapore General Hospital <b>Annual Giving Campaign – Needy Patients Fund</b>	7 August 2014 <b>SingHealth Charity Golf</b> GOH: Mr Lim Boon Heng <i>Chairman, Temasek Holdings</i>	18 October 2014 (to be advised) <b>SingHealth supports President's Challenge 2014</b>	16 November 2014 National Cancer Centre <b>'Run for Hope 2014'</b>
	23 August 2014 KK Women's and Children's Hospital <b>Kidz Horizon Appeal Gala Dinner</b> GOH: Mr Teo Chee Hean <i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>	24 October 2014 <b>EYE Ball 2014</b> The Fullerton Hotel GOH: Professor Tan Chorh Chuan <i>President, National University of Singapore</i>	