



## KEY EVENTS

### THE 7TH DUKE-NUS ALUMNI DIALOGUE

1st November 2019

### CHAIRMAN HANDOVER CEREMONY

20th September 2019

### DUKE-NUS MEDICAL ALUMNI (DNMA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

24th August 2019

### DUKE-NUS ALUMNI CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIP (DACO) PROGRAMME

October - December 2019

### NUS DAY OF SERVICE

7th September 2019

### DUKE-NUS ALUMNI MOVIE NIGHT

3rd January 2020

## An Extract From Dean's Year End Message



*"I am particularly proud of our 16 alumni who were recognised for their excellent clinical performances at the Residency in SingHealth Excels (RiSE) Awards 2019, across categories such as the Inspiring Resident-Educator Award and the Outstanding Resident Award. I am also thankful to our Founding Chairman, Mr Tony Chew for his continued support of our alumni through the Duke-NUS Dialogues, hosting conversations with local dignitaries including Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon and Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat."*





## ***Optimising Healthcare Economics*** **with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Heng Swee Keat**



On Friday, 1st November 2019, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Heng Swee Keat graced the 7th Duke-NUS Alumni Dialogue as our guest speaker.

We had a turnout of over 80 guests – our biggest yet – and with the generosity of our hosts, Mr Tony Chew and Dr Melanie Chew, the dialogue was a success. We would like to thank the attendees (distinguished leaders and professionals, Duke-NUS alumni, students, faculty and staff) for their active participation and continuous support of the Duke-NUS Alumni Dialogue.

As per tradition, the event started with the chance for guests to mingle and chat. After dinner, we kicked start the dialogue with DPM Heng, who delivered his take on optimising healthcare economics with much humour and candour.

Not only did DPM Heng share with us many personal stories, he also took few questions from the floor, providing great insight on topics such as long-term healthcare financing, the role of research and technology in shaping Singapore's future, and continuously channelling precious resources towards good causes.

It was an honour to have DPM Heng share with us his views and stories for this dialogue session. Before we wrapped up the dialogue, Dr Kenneth Chin (Class of 2016, DNMA committee member) presented DPM Heng with a customised Duke Stone as a token of appreciation.



Special thanks to the following alumni who took on key roles during the Dialogue:

- Dr Maverick Uy, Class of 2013, President, Duke-NUS Medical Alumni
- Dr Maryanne Romero, Class of 2013
- Dr Anu Pandey, Class of 2015
- Dr Kenneth Chin, Class of 2016



# Chairman Transition Ceremony

During the Chairman Handover Ceremony (20th September 2019), our alumni, Dr Ruan Xucong (Class of 2017) gave a speech, expressing gratitude for Mr Kai Nargolwala's stewardship of Duke-NUS for eight years – seven years as Chairman and one year as a member of the Governing Board. She also talked about Project Inspire, an initiative by SingHealth Internal Medicine Residency that helps prepare final year students for their tenure as house officers, which found support under Mr Nargolwala's leadership and the school's administration.



## DNMA MC 2019-2021

### **President**

Dr Maverick Uy (Class of 2013)

### **Vice-President**

Dr Anu Pandey (Class of 2015)

### **Secretary**

Dr Eric Cher (Class of 2014)

### **Assistant Secretary**

Dr Lek Sze Min (Class of 2016)

### **Treasurer**

Dr Edwin Yang (Class of 2016)

### **Assistant Treasurer**

Dr Kenneth Chin (Class of 2016)

### **Honorary Auditors**

Dr Chia Ghim Song (Class of 2013)  
Dr Maryanne Romero (Class of 2013)

### **Committee Members:**

Dr Olivia Tan (Class of 2015)

Dr Nicholas Shannon (Class of 2017)

Dr Ruan Xucong (Class of 2017)

Dr Brian Chan (Class of 2017)

Dr Gwen Hwang (Class of 2018)

Dr Goh Kian Leong (Class of 2018)

Dr Samantha Tan (Class of 2019)

Dr Tan Si Qi (Class of 2019)

Dr Michael Yan Shi (Class of 2019)

## DNMA Annual General Meeting

DNMA committee members, members of DNMA and staff of the Alumni Relations office attended the annual general meeting held on 24 August 2019. During the AGM, election for the next DNMA committee was chaired by Dr Maverick Uy (Class of 2014) and we are pleased to announce that he has been nominated and voted to be the president for another term. This is followed by nomination and voting for committee members of the upcoming year.

Some topics pertaining to strengthening ties between alumni and Duke-NUS, upcoming Alumni Relations events, and alumni updates were discussed during the fruitful meeting. The meeting ended on a cheery note, with the alumni coming together to record a video to thank Mr Kai Nargolwala for his support of students, staff and alumni during his years as Duke-NUS chairman.

# ***Featured Alumni: Dr Rena Dharmawan***

Dr Rena Dharmawan (general surgeon, Head & Neck at SingHealth and co-founder of start-up Privi Medical) is the co-founder of a new hub connecting start-ups, organisations and professionals in the healthcare industry. The medtech hub, Catalyst, aims to quicken and improve the development of products and services that prevent or cure diseases.

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## ***Duke-NUS Alumni Clinical Observership (DACO) Programme***

Several Duke-NUS alumni agreed to be mentors under the Duke-NUS Alumni Clinical Observership (DACO) Programme for aspiring medical students, conducted over 2-day periods in November and December in hospital settings. DACO aims to provide an avenue for prospective medical students, who are in the second year of undergraduate studies or higher, to gain insights into the medical profession by offering them a chance to observe the typical daily work of a doctor. The non-medical students matched under DACO have been assessed to be potential medical students for Duke-NUS Medical School.

We would like to thank the following alumni for supporting this initiative, stepping forward as mentors and helping guide prospective medical students and show them the responsibilities and challenges they face on a daily basis.

### ***OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2019***

Dr Ku Chee Wai (Class of 2013)  
Dr Xiong Jiaqing (Class of 2015)  
Dr Kenneth Chin (Class of 2016)  
Dr Angela Frances Yap (Class of 2017)  
Dr Vincent Oei (Class of 2019)

### ***DECEMBER 2019***

Dr Wong Zi Yang (Class of 2014)  
Dr Glenn Goh (Class of 2015)  
Dr Kenneth Chin (Class of 2016)  
Dr Stella Setiawan (Class of 2017)  
Dr Angela Frances Yap (Class of 2017)  
Dr William Chan Wee Lee (Class of 2017)  
Dr Deepali Bang (Class of 2018)  
Dr Zhou Qian (Class of 2018)  
Dr Samantha Tan (Class of 2019)



## ***NUS Day of Service***

For NUS Day of Service 2019, the Duke-NUS Alumni Relations office collaborated with the Music Student Interest Group (SIG) to put up a carolling performance for the patients, caretakers and healthcare providers of Singapore General Hospital (SGH) ward 63 and 72. English and Mandarin songs such as Top Of The World and Close To You by The Carpenters, 月亮代表我的心, and 细水长流 were performed. There were even impromptu requests for songs like 甜蜜蜜 and the performers gladly obliged.



## ***Duke-NUS Alumni Movie Night***

For our first event of 2020, the Duke-NUS Medical Alumni (DNMA) committee and the Duke-NUS Alumni Relations office teamed up to organise the first movie night for the alumni community and their family and friends. Alumni were invited to catch *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* on 3rd January and they were also encouraged to bring up to two family members and friends with them. More than 40 alumni turned up for this event, and together with their family and friends, we had a great night unwinding over a good movie and some popcorn and drinks.

We would like to thank everyone for their support of our first movie event and we promise there will be more exciting events like this to come for the year (and decade) ahead!

