

MEDIA RELEASE

Raffles Celebrates 40 Years of Growth

- **Pledges S\$1 Million to National Kidney Foundation**
- **Expands Raffles Medical Group Scholarship Scheme**

Singapore, 23 July 2016 – **RafflesMedicalGroup** ('Group'), a leading healthcare provider with medical operations across 13 cities in Asia, celebrated 40 years of delivering quality healthcare with an anniversary dinner held at the Shangri-La Hotel. The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Health, and attended by corporate clients, partners and friends of the Group.

As part of its 40th anniversary celebrations, **RafflesMedicalGroup** pledged a donation of S\$1 million to the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). The donation will go towards the setting up of the Raffles-NKF Renal Wellness Centre at **RafflesHospital**. Space for the centre will be set aside in the new extension that is currently being developed adjacent to the hospital. The unique feature of the centre is the dual concept of having a haemodialysis service together with a renal transplantation centre incorporating patient education, assistance and treatment, making it the first of its kind in Singapore. Doctors, nurses and staff of **RafflesMedicalGroup** will support the activities of this centre as volunteers.

The donation will also go towards a Raffles-NKF Peritoneal Dialysis & Wellness Centre which will be set up later this year at Whampoa. The new centre, in line with Ministry of Health's efforts, will support peritoneal dialysis (PD) patients in carrying out simple procedures in an outpatient setting as well as provide counselling, training and psychosocial support for them and their caregivers. The emphasis on wellness and health will benefit the community with the education and prevention programmes at the centre as well as imbue the spirit of inclusiveness and community bonding.

In addition, the Group is committing S\$4 million to award 40 university scholarships over the next five years to deserving students who wish to develop careers in the healthcare sector. The '**RafflesMedicalGroup** Scholarship' was launched during the Group's 35th anniversary in 2012 with 35 awards, and with the latest batch, a total of 75 students will benefit from the scheme. To date, seven graduates have joined the Raffles family as nurses, pharmacists

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and support staff. With this scholarship scheme and on-the-job mentorship and training provided in-house, the Group aims to contribute to Singapore's healthcare manpower needs.

The Group actively supports government policies to enhance public access to healthcare services and complement services provided in the public healthcare system. All **RafflesMedical** and **RafflesDental** are CHAS clinics, which enables Singaporeans to receive affordable healthcare in its clinics through the CHAS and PG schemes. Last year, **RafflesHospital** became the first private hospital in Singapore to accept subsidised patients for emergency treatment through the pilot Emergency Care Collaboration (ECC) with the Ministry of Health. As at end June 2016, **RafflesHospital** has received 2410 patients through the ECC scheme.

The Group started in 1976 as a two-clinic general practice with eight staff, and has since expanded rapidly over the past 40 years into a leading integrated private healthcare provider in Singapore and Asia; offering comprehensive medical services including family medicine, specialist care, traditional Chinese medicine, consumer healthcare and insurance.

Today, Raffles is well-positioned in 13 cities in 5 countries – Singapore, China, Japan, Vietnam and Cambodia - across Asia to meet the emerging healthcare needs of both local and international patients from more than 100 countries. To better meet the changing needs of its patients, the Group started multi-disciplinary concept medical centres in Orchard Road and Holland Village to serve local, regional and expatriate patients.

“We were able to grow in the last 40 years because of our commitment to provide team-based care that is personalised to each patient. We are confident that the integrated care approach by our multi-disciplinary team of doctors, nurses, allied health staff and healthcare managers will enable us to continue with this philosophy and deliver this commitment” said Dr Loo Choon Yong, Executive Chairman of **RafflesMedicalGroup**.

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About Us

RafflesMedicalGroup (SGX: BSL) is a leading integrated private healthcare provider in the region, operating medical facilities in thirteen cities in Singapore, China, Japan, Vietnam and Cambodia.

RafflesMedical clinics form one of the largest networks of private family medicine centres in Singapore.

RafflesHospital, the flagship of Raffles Medical Group, is a private tertiary hospital located in the heart of Singapore offering a wide range of specialist medical and diagnostic services for both inpatients and outpatients. Representing more than 30 disciplines, our team of specialists constitutes a group practice combining sub-specialty expertise and teamwork to ensure optimal, affordable and high quality care for our patients. The Group also has a network of representative offices, as well as patient liaison offices and overseas associates across the Asia Pacific.

RafflesDental is a team-based dental group in Singapore comprising of a specialist dental practice at Raffles Hospital and a network of general dental clinics.

RafflesHealthinsurance provides healthcare insurance to corporate and individual clients.

For more information, please refer to our website at www.rafflesmedicalgroup.com.