

**MEDIA RELEASE**

***RafflesMedicalGroup* Opens New Medical Centre in Osaka, Japan**

**7 September 2015** – ***RafflesMedicalGroup* (Group)**, a leading integrated private healthcare provider in Singapore and the region, is opening a medical centre at Herbis Osaka, 4th Floor, 2-5-25 Umeda, Kita-ku in Osaka City, Japan. This marks the Group's first entry into operating clinical facilities in Japan. Osaka is the second largest city in Japan, and is a regional gateway city with increasing business and tourism linkages with Korea and China.

Conveniently located in the prime central business district at the downtown Osaka/Umeda station, ***RafflesMedical Osaka*** is a 5,400-square feet facility that offers family medicine, travel medicine, dermatology and aesthetics, traditional Chinese medicine, and health screening services to local Japanese and expatriate patients as well as international tourists visiting Osaka. There is a sizeable working population in the vicinity and many Japanese visit the area for shopping, leisure and recreational purposes. Herbis Osaka, where the clinic is located, has retail, office and hotel components, with the Ritz Carlton Osaka located in the same building. ***RafflesMedical Osaka***'s excellent location and its breadth of medical services would enable it to provide comprehensive and integrated medical services to its patients and clients. In addition, the clinic is staffed with both Japanese and foreign physicians as well as professionals who can provide multi-lingual support for foreigners.

***RafflesMedical Osaka*** will be operated by the Group's subsidiary, ***RafflesJapaneseClinic***, in collaboration with its joint venture Japanese partner Socion Healthcare Management Ltd. Started in 2002, ***RafflesJapaneseClinic*** caters to the Japanese community living in Singapore, and has expanded its business steadily, with three clinics located at ***RafflesHospital***, Liang Court and Wheelock Place, and a clinic in Shanghai. Leveraging on this experience and the Group's expertise with international patients, ***RafflesJapaneseClinic*** is well-poised to take its business into Japan.

Commenting on this development, Dr Prem Kumar Nair, Chief Corporate Officer of ***RafflesMedicalGroup*** said: "We see this as an opportunity to extend the ***Raffles*** brand of care to the Japanese market. Japan is an advanced healthcare economy and we are excited at the prospect of starting operations there."

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**RafflesMedicalGroup (SGX: RafflesMG)** is a leading integrated private healthcare provider in Singapore and the region.

**RafflesMedical** clinics form one of the largest network of private family medicine centres in Singapore. The Group also operates a clinic network in Hong Kong and a medical centre in Shanghai.

**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 representative offices in Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Brunei, Bangladesh and the Russian Far East, as well as associates throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

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

**RafflesJapaneseClinic** is a subsidiary of Raffles Medical Group that specially caters to the outpatient medical needs of the Japanese community in Singapore. With a team comprises only Japanese doctors and dentists as well as a majority of Japanese staff, the clinic offers Japanese patients end-to-end service in Japanese.

**RafflesHealthInsurance** provides healthcare insurance to corporate and individual clients.

**RafflesHealthcareInstitute** supports **RafflesMedicalGroup's** growing manpower deployment needs, and contributes to training of local and foreign healthcare professionals to increase competency and professionalism.

For more information, please refer to our website at [www.rafflesmedicalgroup.com](http://www.rafflesmedicalgroup.com).

**Socion Healthcare Management** is established in 1998. Socion Healthcare Management is a subsidiary of Kirindo Ltd, a major pharmacy chain in Japan and listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Headquartered in Tokyo with office at Osaka, Socion specialises in management and consultancy services for medical institutions and nursing homes