My dear Fellow Academician,

The following is an update of activities of the Academy:

**40th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine**
The Academy of Medicine of Malaysia will be hosting this year’s Congress. It will be held at Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia from 24 to 27 August 2006. The theme will be “Coming to Terms with Acute Care Medicine”. I hope as many of us as possible can join our colleagues in Malaysia on this occasion.

**Distance Learning Programme (DLP)**
The DLP has been officially launched on 1 November 2005. Fellows who wish to access the DLP may do so through the Member Login secured area via the Academy’s website at http://www.ams.edu.sg using their MCR/DCR number and password. Two CME points will be awarded for passing each medical module and one CDE point for each dental module.

**Induction**
The Academy held its Induction Ceremony on 28 April 2006 at the Pan Pacific Hotel. We were honoured that Dr Tony Tan graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. He was conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Academy. Ninety-four new candidates were also inducted as fellows of the Academy.

**28th Annual General Meeting**
The Academy’s AGM was held on Thursday, 29 June 2006 at 6pm at the K.W. Chow Conference Room, Blk 2, Level 1, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Singapore General Hospital. See page 3 for the list of office bearers elected to the 2006-2007 Council.

The 28th AGM also marked the end of my term of office as Master. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kind understanding, support and most of all your enthusiasm and interest in the welfare and progress of the Academy.

The last 2 years has been an enriching experience for me. The Academy faced many changes and challenges. The formation of Colleges also raised administrative lessons for us. It is good that many more fellows are now keen and interested to participate in the progress of our Academy.

The future has many opportunities for us. Hopefully we’ll put the Colleges and Chapters on a strong foothold and they’ll play a more important role in the postgraduate training of doctors, CME programmes, training protocols, professional and ethical practice guidelines, distance learning, and systematic exit examination and interviews are some of the areas we are focussing intensively.

There is a wealth of experience and expertise among our academicians both in the public and private sectors. We must join forces and work together to bring the Academy to greater heights and play a more significant role in the teaching and training of our specialists as well as maintenance of high standard of the healthcare system of our country.

The new team under the leadership of A/Prof Ho Lai Yun have the experience, commitment and enthusiasm. Please give them your strongest support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank members of the past Council for their hard work, dedication, patience, understanding and cooperation these past 2 years.

Dr KP Tan has taken over as the Executive Director, and we are very grateful to him for coming forward at this opportune time when we need administrative leadership.

I am also very grateful to the entire administrative staff and secretariat for their very dedicated service. They were called upon to perform extra duties on many occasions, and they have willingly shoulder extra workload whenever necessary. They were patient, understanding and responsible. To them we say “thank you”.

Finally, my dear academician, we look forward to your support and contributions in the years ahead as the Academy takes on more and more important roles in the education of our specialists and the services of our patients.

Low Cheng Hock

Recta Sapere – To Seek and Savour The Truth At All Times
Induction Ceremony and Dinner
28 April 2006
We are pleased to inform you that following the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore held on 29 June 2006, the following office bearers were elected to the 2006 – 2007 Council:

- **Master**: Dr Ho Lai Yun
- **Assistant Master**: Dr Fock Kwong Ming
- **Scribe**: Dr Lim Shih Hui
- **Bursar**: Dr Chan Heng Thye
- **Assistant Bursar**: Dr Anthony Heng
- **Censor-in-Chief**: Dr Gilbert Chiang
- **Censors**: Dr Chan Yew Weng, Dr Chen Fun Gee, Dr Roland Chong, Dr Lee Kok Onn, Dr Edward Pang, Dr George Yeo Seow Heong
- **Editor, Annals, AMS**: Dr Vernon Oh (ex-officio)
- **Executive Director**: Dr Tan Kim Ping

*These Council members were co-opted for a one-year term at the 1st Council meeting held on 10 July 2006.*

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore Induction Comitia and Dinner 2006 held at the Pan Pacific Hotel was attended by more than 250 guests and fellows. The Guest of Honour was Dr Tony Tan [pictured on page 2 (left) being conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Academy by the Master, Prof Low Cheng Hock].

The Guest of Honour, distinguished guests, past masters and the 94 inductees were warmly welcomed by the Master.

Dr Tony Tan delivered a speech at the ceremony. He spoke on the progress of the Biomedical Sciences Initiative and announced the establishment of the Biomedical Sciences Review Committee with Prof Tan Chorh Chuan who is presently Provost and Deputy President of the National University of Singapore as the Chair.

Dr Dan Yock Young led the inductees to take the Pledge.

Dinner was held immediately after the Induction Comitia.
Calendar of Events

July 2006
Thur 13th to Fri 14th
Second Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference
Organiser: Chapter of Public Health and Occupational Physicians
Venue: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore
For more information, please visit http://www.ams.edu.sg/Chapters/PDF/2ndPHOMSecondAnnouncement.pdf
For further enquiries, please email: phom2006@ams.edu.sg

Sat 22nd to Sun 23rd
3rd Annual Scientific Meeting of College of Physicians, Singapore
Organiser: College of Physicians, Singapore
Venue: Theatrette, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore
For more information, please visit http://www.ams.edu.sg/Chapters/PDF/3rdAnnualScientificMeeting1stAnnouncement.pdf
For further enquiries, please email: cps@ams.edu.sg

August 2006
Sat 19th to Tue 22nd
Annual Singapore Paediatrics Congress (ASPC 2006)
Organiser: College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Singapore
Venue: 19-20 Scientific Sessions; Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel
21-22 Post-Congress Workshop on Advanced Resuscitation in Children; KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital
For more information, please visit http://www.ams.edu.sg/Chapters/PDF/ASPC_2006_First_Announcement.pdf
For further enquiries, please email: cpchs@ams.edu.sg

September 2006
Fri 1st to Sun 3rd
8th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of the Paediatric Urologists
Organisers: Academy of Medicine, Singapore and KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital
Venue: Auditorium, KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Singapore
For further information, please visit http://www.ams.edu.sg/apapu/
For further enquiries, please email: apapu2006@ams.edu.sg

May 2007
Sun 27th to Thur 31st
5th Asia Pacific International Academy of Pathology Congress and Chapter of Pathologists Annual Scientific Meeting
Organisers: International Academy of Pathology and Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore
Venue: Raffles City, Singapore
Theme: Globalisation of Pathology
For further information, please visit http://www.ams.edu.sg/iap2007/index.html
For further enquiries, please email: iap2007@ams.edu.sg

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Issuance of FAMS Certificate for Fellows Admitted Prior to 1991
The designation of AM (Academician of Medicine) was replaced by FAMS (Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore) in 1991. Those who were admitted as members of the Academy prior to 1991 may write in to request to replace their membership certificate with the FAMS Certificate.