3RD MONTEIRO LECTURE

Infectious Disease Outbreaks in Singapore
Personal Reflections on Surveillance and Management

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11 March 2016 | 7 – 9 PM
Annex 2 Building, Level 1
Tan Tock Seng Hospital

7:00 pm Registration, Dinner & SG50 Video
8:00 pm Opening Address and Introduction of the Monteiro Lecture
   Adjunct A/Prof Brenda Ang
   Chairman, Chapter of Infectious Disease Physicians
8:05 pm Citation of Lecturer
   Adjunct A/Prof Vernon Lee
   Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore
8:15 pm Infectious Disease Outbreaks in Singapore:
   Personal Reflections on Surveillance and Management
   Adjunct Prof Goh Kee Tai
   Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore
8:55 pm Presentation of Token & Photo-Taking
The lecture will highlight the vulnerability and receptivity of Singapore to the importation and spread of infectious diseases since it was founded in 1819. Quarantine and vaccination were the main strategies implemented. After independence, emphasis was placed on epidemiological surveillance and environmental hygiene and sanitation. With the rapid transformation from an urban slum into a first world nation over the last few decades, several environment-related and childhood vaccine-preventable diseases have been successfully brought under control or even eliminated. However, outbreaks of infectious diseases continued to occur in this globally connected tropical city state. Factors contributing to these outbreaks include introduction of novel infectious disease agents, rapid globalisation with large influx of foreigners and travellers, and importation of food and livestock. Investigations into and management of a number of selected outbreaks of food-, water- and vector-borne diseases as well as vaccine-preventable and emerging infectious diseases will be described.