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LEADERSHIP CHANGE AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Singapore — Associate Professor Eugene Liu will step down as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National University Hospital (NUH) after over four years of outstanding service. Professor Aymeric Lim, who was appointed CEO-Designate from 1 January 2021, will assume the position of CEO on 1 April 2021.

Professor Yeoh Khay Guan, the Chief Executive of the National University Health System (NUHS) said: “On behalf of all NUH staff as well as the management and Board of NUHS, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to Associate Professor Liu for his invaluable contribution and leadership. I look forward to his continued contributions to NUHS as Group Director, Strategic Facilities Planning, continuing his key role in the NUH Redevelopment Masterplan, as well as other pivotal projects across NUHS.”

Professor Yeoh added: “Professor Aymeric Lim is an exceptional clinician-scholar, mentor and leader, who will succeed Associate Professor Liu as the CEO of NUH. I look forward to working with Professor Lim and the NUH team, as we continue to look after our population as the healthcare cluster for the west with NUH providing world-class tertiary care.”

Associate Professor Eugene Liu was appointed CEO on 1 September 2016 and led NUH to develop clinical peaks of excellence in organ transplant, complex endoscopy, complex spine surgery, novel cancer treatments and cardiac & aortic surgery, distinguishing itself as an academic tertiary centre. NUH also consistently scored above the national average in the annual Patient Experience Surveys by the Ministry of Health (MOH) since 2017, reflecting its dedication to provide compassionate and patient-centred care. NUH was into its fourth decade of operations when Associate Professor Liu led the team to refresh its aged landscape from redeveloping clinics, wards and imaging facilities to erecting new buildings to better serve patients. He is also leading the master planning project to redevelop NUH into a future-proof academic tertiary hospital to meet Singapore’s health needs.

Associate Professor Liu also cultivated a culture of stewardship and sustainability. NUH pioneered the Value Driven Outcomes (VDO) methodology in Singapore as part of a nationwide effort to provide affordable and sustainable healthcare. There are now close to 60 VDO projects across NUHS to provide clinicians with tools and information to drive cost effective care with quality outcomes. Associate Professor Liu also established a comprehensive risk management system and strengthened emergency preparedness in NUH. In 2018, NUH achieved a State of Readiness 1 in its “Exercise Kingfisher” mass casualty incident exercise, the highest rating by MOH.

Associate Professor Liu is a nurturing mentor who guides the growth of his team. His care and concern for all staff has been clearly demonstrated throughout the COVID-19 crisis where he is often on the ground to ensure that the frontline staff are well protected and supported in their work.

Prof Aymeric Lim was the Chairman, Medical Board (CMB) of NUH from 2008-2016 and the first NUHS Group Chairman, Medical Board (GCMB). He drove several key initiatives to enhance safety and clinical outcomes for patients, including the introduction of 100% procedural audits which was adopted by MOH and rolled out to all public healthcare institutions. At the onset of COVID-19, Professor Lim, as GCMB, spearheaded the NUHS Ops Command Centre as the cluster nerve centre to manage the rapidly developing situation.

A dynamic leader who is passionate about grooming future healthcare leaders, he was the former Dean of the Healthcare Leadership College, MOH Holdings from 2011-2020; Vice Dean (Leadership Development & Strategy) at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS, from 2016-2018; and Group Chief Human Resource Officer (GCHRO), NUHS, from 2018 to 1 January 2020.

Professor Lim is a master clinician in Hand and Reconstructive Microsurgery who has published over 100 research papers in international peer-reviewed journals. He co-authored the 2011 textbook, “Elective Hand Surgery: Rheumatological and Degenerative Conditions, Nerve Compression Syndromes”. As editor of “Emergency Surgery of the Hand” in 2016, Prof Lim availed to English speakers for the first time the global bestseller text “Chirurgie de la Main” and was nominated to the prestigious L’Academie Nationale de Chirurgie (French National Academy of Surgery) and Societe Francaise de Chirurgie de la Main (French Society for Hand Surgery). In 2019, he received the National Outstanding Clinician Award for his exceptional clinical achievements and contribution in shaping medicine in Singapore healthcare and beyond.

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About the National University Health System (NUHS)

The National University Health System (NUHS) aims to transform how illness is prevented and managed by discovering causes of disease, development of more effective treatments through collaborative multidisciplinary research and clinical trials, and creation of better technologies and care delivery systems in partnership with others who share the same values and vision.

Institutions in the NUHS Group include the National University Hospital, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Jurong Community Hospital and Alexandra Hospital; three National Specialty Centres - National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS), National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS) and National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS); the National University Polyclinics (NUP); Jurong Medical Centre; and three NUS health sciences schools – NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (including the Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies), NUS Faculty of Dentistry and NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health.

With member institutions under a common governance structure, NUHS creates synergies for the advancement of health by integrating patient care, health science education and biomedical research.

As a Regional Health System, NUHS works closely with health and social care partners across Singapore to develop and implement programmes that contribute to a healthy and engaged population in the Western part of Singapore.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nuhs.edu.sg>.

About the National University Hospital (NUH)

The National University Hospital is a tertiary hospital and major referral centre with over 50 medical, surgical and dental specialties, offering a comprehensive suite of specialist care for adults, women and children. It is the only public hospital in Singapore to offer a paediatric kidney and liver transplant programme, in addition to kidney, liver and pancreas transplantation for adults.



The hospital was opened on 24 June 1985 as Singapore's first restructured hospital. Each year, the Hospital attends to more than one million patients.

As an academic health institution, patient safety and good clinical outcomes are the focus of the Hospital. It plays a key role in the training of doctors, nurses, allied health and other healthcare professionals. Translational research is pivotal in the Hospital's three-pronged focus, and paves the way for new cures and treatment.

A member of the National University Health System, it is the principal teaching hospital of the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and the NUS Faculty of Dentistry.