

# Family Physician Awarded Healthcare Humanities Award

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**31<sup>st</sup>** May 2004 marked the first anniversary of Singapore being declared SARS free.

That day, 34 outstanding healthcare professionals / workers were awarded the inaugural Healthcare Humanities Award.

This new annual awards is disbursed by the Courage Fund, and will honour healthcare workers for humanitarian contribution to the community. Recipients are chosen for their dedication, courage, compassion and humanity.

Three quarters of this year's winners were nurses, with doctors (6) and other healthcare workers making up the rest.

Amongst the award recipients was a family physician, Dr Ho May San, Karen. She was honoured for her courage, compassion and dedication to her patient. At the height of the SARS outbreak in April 2003, she continued to manage her bed-bound patient in his home, even though he was recently discharged from SGH, which had a SARS outbreak in one of the wards then.

Her view was that; *"Family doctors have a role to play too. If you want, you can do a lot and make a difference."*

Dr Ho is a family physician presently practising in a HDB branch clinic of a group practice. She obtained her MBBS in 1990 and Master of Medicine in Family Medicine in 2003 after completing 2 years



Dr Ho receiving award from President of the Republic of Singapore, Mr S R Nathan

of part-time training under the private practitioner scheme (programme B). We salute Dr Karen Ho and also congratulate the other Healthcare Humanities Award winners for their outstanding work and contributions.

## Announcements



### HUA MEI SENIORS CLINIC (HMSC) of TSAO FOUNDATION

#### **REQUIRES FULL TIME PHYSICIAN**

The Tsao Foundation is a not-for-profit organization committed to ageing issues and aged care.

HMSC provides community-based, primary health care specific to the needs of the older person. It has been designated by WHO as a pilot site for WHO Age Friendly Primary Health Care Project which aims to develop a benchmark model for accessible and effective community-based geriatric care.

#### **Requirements**

- Training/experience in primary care clinical practice essential
- Training/experience in geriatric medicine preferred
- Interested and committed to working with the older person in the community
- Ability to speak Mandarin and dialects.
- Team player with leadership and management skills

Interested applicants, please fax/write in with full resume by 30 September 2004 to:

TSAO Foundation  
5 Temasek Boulevard, #12-06 Suntec Tower Five  
Singapore 038985  
Fax: 6337-9719

(Only shortlisted candidates will be notified )

## College Family Medicine Convocation 2004

Venue : MOH Auditorium  
Date : 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004 (Saturday)  
Guest-of-Honour : Mr Khaw Boon Wan,  
Minister for Health

#### **PROGRAMME:**

- All Guests to be Seated by 5.20pm
- Welcome Address by College President  
- A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
- Sreenivasan Oration  
- Delivered by Clinical Prof. Chee Yam Cheng
- Conferment Ceremony
- Academic Procession of College Council
- Conferment of Fellows by Assessment
- Conferment of Collegiate Membership
- Recognition for GDFM Graduates & MMed(FM) Graduands
- Appreciation Award Presentation
- Dinner
- End of Dinner at 9.30pm

