

PICTORIAL STORY OF THE COLLEGE

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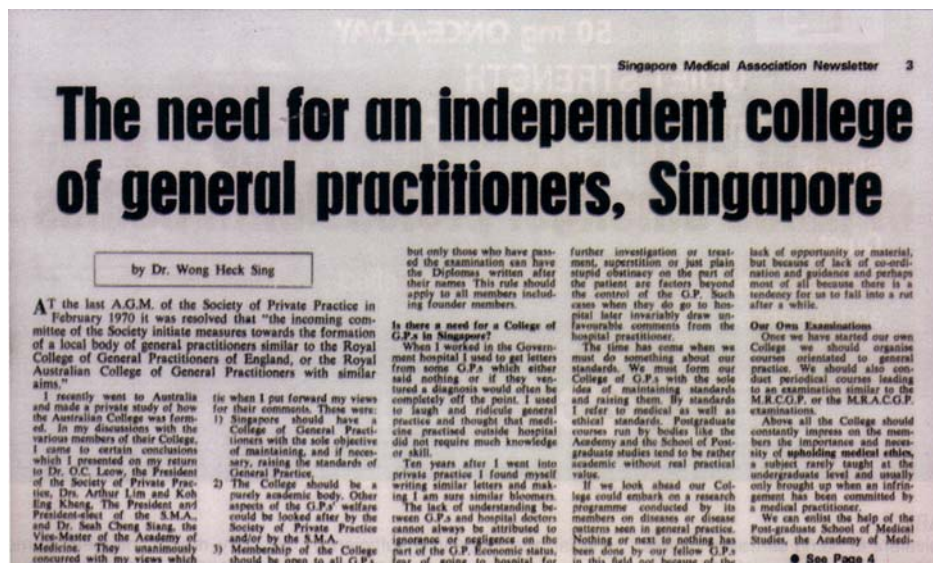
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Mooting the idea of the College of General Practitioners

The College Archives Project was initiated in 2000 to collect memorabilia, personal accounts and chronicles of the College's heritage. A selection of the collected material is presented in this pictorial essay.

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A SMA News Report on a speech by Lord Hunt of Fawley from the British College on the setting up of a GP College for Singapore.



This article was written by Dr Wong Heck Sing of the encouragement and support given by the Australian College of GPs on the idea of a College for GPs in Singapore. It was published in the SMA Newsletter and it served as the manifesto for the formation of the College of General Practitioners, Singapore.

IN THE 1970S ...

The First Council of the Singapore College. The College was officially registered with the Registrar of Societies on 30th June 1971.



From left to right: Dr Ted Wong Hoption, Dr Colin Marcus, Dr Koh Eng Kheng, Dr Lim Boon Keng, Dr Foo Choong Khean, Dr Wong Heck Sing, Dr BR Sreenivasan, Dr Wong Kum Hoong, Dr Leow On Chu. Absent: Dr Chen Chi Nan

Conferment of the Honorary Fellowship of the College on Sir Gordon Arthur Ransome, Emeritus Professor of Medicine on 13th April 1973. Conferred together with him were Datuk (Dr) Lim Kee Jin, Dr Wesley Fabb and Dr Richard Banks Geeves. They have been great supporters of the College.



COLLEGE MEMORABILIA



Gift of the Presidential Chair from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners – March 1972.

The Albert Lim Award.



Gift of the Presidential Gavel from the Royal Australian college of General Practitioners – March 1971.



The original drawing of the Singapore College Crest, designed by Dr. Koh Eng Soo – March 1971. The open book represents knowledge and continued learning and the caduceus is the recognised symbol for the art of learning.



The Host Organizing Committee of the 10th Wonca World Conference. Their hard work has since become part of our College legend. In those pre-information technology days, the team managed to produce conference proceedings ready for collection by the delegates on the very day that the Conference ended. Till this day, no organizing committee of the Wonca World Conference have managed to repeat this achievement. The historic event also bonded a team of dedicated members who were later to become key leaders in our College and the role models for many of our volunteer members. Amongst them was a bespectacled young man with thick black hair who was in charge of publication. He eventually became the first professor of Family Medicine in Singapore



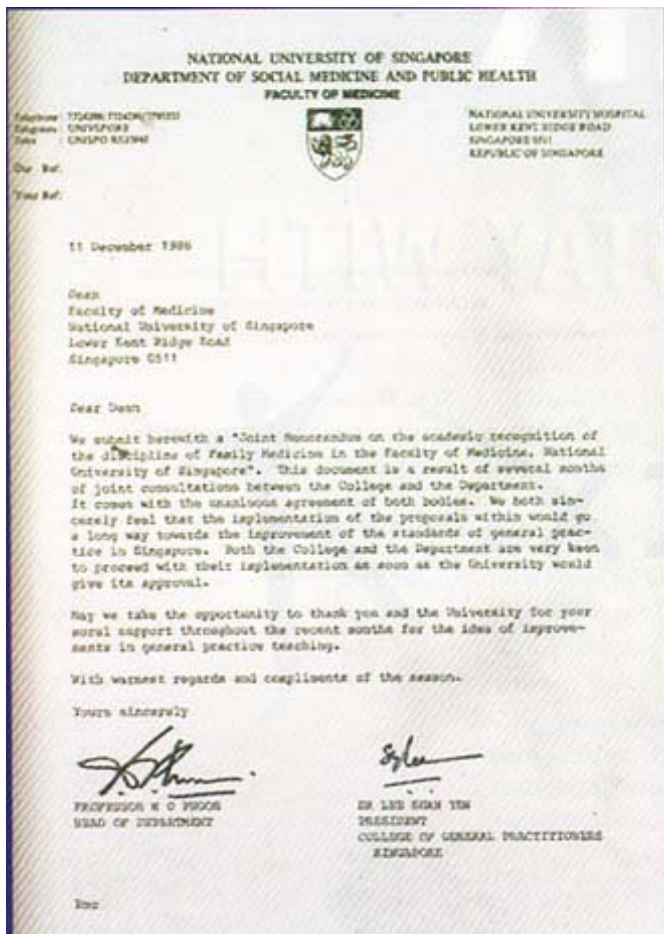
The book of abstracts of the Conference.

WONCA WORLD CONFERENCE SINGAPORE 1983

The international delegates at the Wonca 1983 Conference

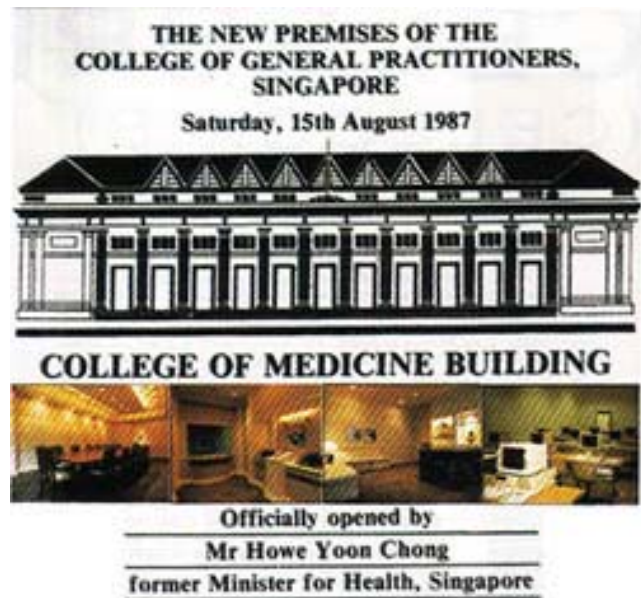


IN THE 1980S ...



The Joint Memorandum on the academic recognition of the discipline of Family Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine, NUS submitted on 11 December 1986. On 13 Feb 1987, the Department of COFM was formed.

Opening of the new College Premises. Our present premises at the College of Medicine Building was officially opened by Mr Howe Yoon Chong on the 15th August 1987.



College Examiners. From left to right, Drs Lee Suan Yew, Lim Kim Leong, Prof Wes Fabb and Dr Tan Yan Tin. Prof Wesley Fabb from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and an Honorary Fellow of our College was the first of the external examiners of our MCGP examination. Together with Dr Richard Bank Geeves, he was sent to Singapore by the RACGP to help us set up our first examinations. Prof Fabb was also the first HMDP expert in Family Medicine in 1988.