

75 Years of Our Alumni

At the Dawn of the Millennium



PRESENTED TO

Dato Seri Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad

Prime Minister, Malaysia

Honorary Member

Gold Medallist

Alumni Association

Contents

Messages

Prime Minister, Malaysia 13
Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad

Prime Minister, Singapore 15
Mr Goh Chok Tong

Foreword by President, Alumni Association 17
Prof Arthur S M Lim

Messages

Vice-Chancellor, National University of Singapore 19
Prof Lim Pin

Director, Alumni Affairs and Development Office, NUS 21
Assoc Prof Lawrence Chia

Chairman, Northern Branch 23
Dr Fong Kheng Phoy

Chairman, Central Branch 25
Yim Khai Sun

Chairman, Southern Branch 27
Dr Wong Sze Tai

Editorial Preface 28

Introduction

Challenges for the Medical Profession in the Next Millennium:
the Future Role of Our Alumni 30

Chapter 1: A Moment in History

Medical Students during the Japanese Invasion of Singapore, 1941-1942 36

Chapter 2: 75 Years of the Alumni Association

Alumni Milestones 46

The Alumni Story 49

The Medical Alumni

The Alumni Association of the King Edward VII College of Medicine and
the Faculties of Medicine, Universities of Malaya and Singapore 61

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya 65

The Dental Alumni

The War Years and After (1939-1979): Recollections from the Early Pioneers 70

Alumni from a Dental Retrospective: The Alumni Association and I 73

Dental Alumni in Community and International Service 79

Dental Alumni: It's All in the Family 82

Contents

The Pharmacy Alumni	85
Pharmacy Education in Singapore: Past, Present and Future	
Chapter 3: The Alma Mater and the Alumni	94
The Undergraduates	98
The Graduates	102
The Role of Graduates and Students during the Japanese Occupation	106
The Role of the Alumni Association and the Medical College Students Union in Events leading to the Inauguration of the University of Malaya	109
A Continuity of Ideals	113
The Medical School and the Alumni	114
The Alumni and Postgraduate Medical Education	116
Chapter 4: Some Outstanding Alumni	
Chen Su Lan	121
B R Sreenivasan	123
B H Sheares	125
Mahathir bin Mohamad	127
Moses Tay Leng Kong	129
Alumni Gold Medallists	131
Honorary Members of the Alumni Association	174
Interviews with Our Senior Alumni	196
Chapter 5: Student Life	
K E Hall: Its Early Years	214
Old Times at King Edward College of Medicine	218
Life as a Medical Undergraduate: 1940-1950	225
King Edward VII Hall — Excerpts from: <i>80 Glorious Years</i>	230
Life at the University	244
Chapter 6: The Alumni Medical Centre	
The Beginnings of the Original Medical Centre at 4A College Road, Singapore	247
The Medical Centre after 1960	253
The New Medical Centre: Opening Ceremony & Unveiling of Murals	255
The College of Medicine Building	264

Contents

Chapter 7: The Varied Activities of Our Alumni	
The Varied Activities of the Alumni Association in the Southern Branch	267
New Directions for the New Millennium	273
Current Concerns in Medicine and the Alumni	275
The Alumni Association Rotating Visiting Professorship	278
The Young Alumni Chapter	280
A Young Alumnus Looks at the World	282
Our Overseas Alumni	284
Some Medical and Surgical 'Firsts' in Malaysia and Singapore	289
Materia-non-medica and the Alumni	294
Some Alumni Writers	301
Chapter 8: With Our VIPs	304
VIP Addresses	
Lunch with Our VIPs	327
Chapter 9: Those Were the Days	349
Excerpts from Our Archives	
Reminiscences	
Reunions and Annual General Meetings	
Informal Occasions	
Selected Encomiums	430
Conclusion	
The Responsibility of Success	441
Commentary	444
Afterword	
<i>Prof Shih Choon Fong</i>	446
Appendix	
Reunions	450
Past Presidents	451
Past Chairmen of Branches	452
Credits	454