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IMH and Thailand's Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital Strengthen Partnership to Drive Knowledge Sharing

1. The Institute of Mental Health (IMH) and Thailand's Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University (Siriraj Hospital) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) today to boost knowledge sharing and capability building between the two healthcare institutions for a period of three years, from 2016 to 2019 (inclusive). The Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital is the first hospital and the first medical school in Thailand.

2 The MOA builds on and formalises the existing partnership between IMH and Siriraj Hospital. Since 2013, IMH has been hosting psychiatry residents from Siriraj Hospital for learning attachments every year in the area of child and adolescent psychiatry. During the visits, the residents had the opportunity to participate in ward rounds and assessments with IMH's senior psychiatrists in a range of clinical cases.

3. With the partnership, the two institutions will focus mainly on clinical expertise and resource sharing. This includes exchange of medical, nursing and allied health staff, residents, fellows and administrators through learning visits and attachments, exchange of information and academic publications, and providing support for lectures, research workshops and symposia. There will also be opportunities for collaboration and knowledge sharing in other areas such as operational effectiveness and productivity initiatives. In addition, IMH hopes to leverage Siriraj Hospital's expertise in its Routine to Research (R2R) programme, an innovative research management initiative which facilitates the transformation of daily hospital procedures and know-how to research which is then used to improve routine practice.

4. "We have been working with Siriraj Hospital for a few years now. This MOA signifies our commitment to build on this partnership to exchange insight and best practices, and in turn, refine our processes and services to better cater to our patients' needs. I look forward to greater collaboration between us," said Adj A/Prof Chua Hong Choon, CEO, IMH.

5. "We are very happy to be signing this MOA today with IMH to cement the excellent working relationship we have built up through the years. It is our hope that this MOA will now take our collaboration to the next level," said Professor Dr Prasit Watanapa, Dean, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University.

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About the Institute of Mental Health, Singapore

The Institute of Mental Health (IMH), a member of the National Healthcare Group, is the only tertiary psychiatric care institution in Singapore. Located on the sprawling 25-hectare campus of Buangkok Green Medical Park in the north-eastern part of Singapore, IMH offers a multidisciplinary and comprehensive range of psychiatric, rehabilitative and therapy services in hospital-based and community-based settings. The 2010-bedded hospital aims to meet the needs of three groups of patients – children and adolescents (aged below 19 years), adults and the elderly. Besides providing clinical services, IMH also leads in mental health research and training the next generation of mental health professionals in Singapore. For more information, please visit www.imh.com.sg.

Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University

Established in 1888 by H.M. King Chulalongkorn, the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital is the first hospital and the first medical school in Thailand. It has produced the largest number of medical doctors for the country in the past 128 years of its history. There are over 15,000 employees and over 1,500 doctors efficiently working at Siriraj Hospital, which is the largest hospital in the kingdom as well as the major referral centre for all hospitals in Thailand.

Enriched with “SIRIRAJ” culture and traditions for more than a century, the Faculty has produced medical graduates and allied health personnel with distinctive character, vision and ability to serve the health care system around the country. Our Siriraj Hospital, the largest teaching medical centre in Thailand, provides exemplary medical services with not only state-of-the-art technology, but also interdisciplinary, comprehensive and compassionate care. Our university has been consistently ranked at the top in the nation for research with increasing amounts of funding and publications each year. The Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital strives to advance medical education, patient care and research by pursuing the H.R.H. Prince Mahidol of Songkla’s philosophy, “True success is not in learning but in its applications to the benefit of mankind”.

Amidst a tertiary medical centre with distinguished faculty in exceptional academic environment, the missions of the Faculty are to: foster our medical students and graduates to become tomorrow’s doctors with outstanding competency, creativity, professionalism and social responsibility; provide the best and appropriate treatment for our patients; promote and share research and scientific discoveries that increase our wisdom and have impact on human health and; formulate a strategic plan that accelerates Siriraj to diversely contribute to the local community, the nation and the world.