

Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed) announces partnership with Duke-NUS Medical School's Centre of Regulatory Excellence (CoRE), pledging joint commitment to promote regulatory convergence and capacity building across the region

The first and only regional MedTech trade association signs Memorandum of Understanding with Duke- NUS Medical School's CoRE

SINGAPORE, 12 July 2017 - The Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed), the only regional trade body for the medical devices, equipment and in vitro diagnostics industry, today announced it is joining forces with Duke-NUS Medical School's Centre of Regulatory Excellence (CoRE), the first dedicated Asian Centre targeted at the needs of medical device and pharmaceutical companies, national health regulators, and the biomedical industry, to promote regulatory innovation across the Asia Pacific.

To this effect, CoRE and APACMed signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) today, to foster links and explore opportunities of co-operation in medical technology, with a focus in the areas of capacity building, policy innovation and sustainability. The areas of cooperation include hosting joint scientific roundtables, expert panels, publication of thought leadership, and professional training, as well as capacity building of the regulators and industry in the region.

Associate Professor John Lim, Executive Director of CoRE, and Deputy Director of Medical Services (Industry & Research Matters), Singapore Ministry of Health, said: *"While the use of medical devices is an integral part of modern healthcare, medical devices regulation is relatively new and still developing in most Asia Pacific countries. There is a need to enhance the capabilities and competencies of regulatory professionals in national regulatory authorities and the industry. At the same time, we have to strengthen regulatory systems through promoting convergence, effective policy implementation and innovation. CoRE looks forward to this partnership with APACMed to advance these objectives to help ensure that patients across the region have enhanced access to high quality, safe and effective medical devices"*.

Fredrik Nyberg, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed) added: *"APACMed's mission is to improve standards of care for patients across the region through innovative collaborations among stakeholders to jointly shape the future of healthcare in Asia Pacific. Our collaboration with CoRE is an important step in fostering relationships between the industry, academia and regulatory agencies, and will allow our members to drive regulatory convergence across the region. In particular, we look forward to our forthcoming joint event, the APACMed/CoRE Regulatory Affairs Summit 2017 in November, an exclusive one-day event for regulators and APACMed member companies, which will close APACMed's two-day flagship event, the Asia Pacific MedTech Forum"*.

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About Duke-NUS Medical School

The Duke-NUS Medical School (Duke-NUS, 杜克 — 新加坡国立大学医学院) was established in 2005 as a strategic collaboration between the Duke University School of Medicine, located in North Carolina, USA, and the National University of Singapore (NUS). Duke-NUS offers a graduate-entry, 4-year MD (Doctor of Medicine) training programme based on the unique Duke model of education, with one year dedicated to independent study and research projects of a basic science or clinical nature. Duke-NUS also offers MD/PhD and PhD programmes. Duke-NUS has five Signature Research Programmes: Cancer and Stem Cell Biology, Neuroscience and Behavioural Disorders, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Cardiovascular and Metabolic Disorders, and Health Services and Systems Research.

Duke-NUS and SingHealth have established a strategic partnership in academic medicine that will guide and promote the future of medicine, tapping on and combining the collective strengths of SingHealth's clinical expertise and Duke-NUS' biomedical sciences research and medical education capabilities.

For more information, please visit www.duke-nus.edu.sg

About the Centre for Regulatory Excellence (CoRE)

The [Centre of Regulatory Excellence \(CoRE\)](#) was established in 2014 at the Duke-NUS Medical School with the aim of strengthening regulatory systems for health products (including medical devices and pharmaceuticals) in the Asia Pacific, with a special focus on South-East Asia. The centre is unique in offering a multi-pronged approach to regulatory systems strengthening through the three key strategic approaches of education and training, applied research and policy innovation in an Asian context. As a trusted partner with a wide collaborative network comprising major international and regional regulatory authorities, organisations, industry and academic institutions, CoRE is able to effectively play a coordinating role and contribute as an active partner in regional capacity building and systems strengthening initiatives.

About APACMed

Founded in 2014, the [Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association](#) (APACMed 亚太医疗技术协会) is the first and only regional association to provide a unified voice for the medical technology industry in Asia Pacific. APACMed works proactively with bilateral, regional and local government bodies to shape policies, demonstrate the value of innovation and promote regulatory harmonisation. APACMed engages with medical device associations and companies in Asia Pacific to jointly advance regional issues, code of ethics and share best practices.

The [Asia Pacific MedTech Forum 2017](#) will be held from 7-9 November 2017 in Singapore.