



Media Release

NUHS Chief Executive elected to U.S. National Academy of Medicine

Singapore, 21 October 2019 – The National University Health System (NUHS) Chief Executive and National University of Singapore (NUS) Senior Vice President (Health Affairs), Professor John Eu-Li Wong, was elected today to the United States of America’s National Academy of Medicine (NAM), a globally influential organisation on health and science.

The NAM works to address critical issues in health, medicine, and related policy and inspire positive action across sectors through its domestic and global initiatives. Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honours in the fields of health and medicine and recognises individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care and public health.

“These newly elected members represent the most exceptional scholars and leaders whose remarkable work has advanced science, medicine, and health in the U.S. and around the globe,” said NAM President Professor Victor J. Dzau. “Their expertise will be vital to addressing today’s most pressing health and scientific challenges and informing the future of health and medicine for the benefit of us all. I am honoured to welcome these esteemed individuals to the National Academy of Medicine.”

A medical oncologist-haematologist, Professor Wong obtained his medical degree from NUS and completed his residency and fellowship at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, where he was the Chief Resident in Medicine, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He has been actively involved in the development of Health and Biomedical Sciences as a key pillar of Singapore's economy and serves as a member of the National Health and Biomedical Sciences Executive Committee. His international contributions include being Past President of the World Health Summit, a founding member of the Association of Academic Health Centers (International), serving on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Medical Association, the International Affairs Committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, and the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Personalized and Precision Medicine.

In his distinguished 27-year career with NUS and NUHS, Professor Wong has held strategic leadership positions including Chairman, Medical Board, National University Hospital (NUH), Vice President (Life Sciences), NUS, Dean, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS and Director of the National University Cancer Institute, Singapore

(NCIS). He is also the Isabel Chan Professor in Medical Sciences at NUS. Professor Wong has been instrumental in transforming NUHS into the comprehensive and learning academic health system that it is today.

With the re-organisation of public healthcare in 2017, Professor Wong led the expanded NUHS through excellence in care, research and education. Harnessing the power of academia, particularly through the health sciences schools, research and education have continued to shape the development of NUHS, including synergistic partnerships and collaboration with the world's most respected academic healthcare institutions and individuals.

Professor John Wong said, "I am deeply honoured by this recognition from the United States of America's National Academy of Medicine. I have been extraordinarily fortunate to have been part of the National University Health System, the National University of Singapore, Singapore's public healthcare system and the national Health and Biomedical Science initiative these past 27 years. This recognition is very much because of them and what they have been able to do to improve the health and well-being of Singapore and the community we live in. This would not have been possible without the incredible support from my family, team, colleagues, donors and friends."

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A recent photo of Professor John Eu-Li Wong. For attribution purposes, please attribute to the National University Health System.

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About the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

The National Academy of Medicine, established in 1970 as the Institute of Medicine, is an independent organisation of eminent professionals from diverse fields including health and medicine; the natural, social, and behavioral sciences; and beyond. It serves alongside the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering as an adviser to the U.S. and the international community. The NAM collaborates closely with its peer academies and other divisions within the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

About the National University Health System (NUHS)

The National University Health System (NUHS) aims to transform how illness is prevented and managed by discovering causes of disease, development of more effective treatments through collaborative multidisciplinary research and clinical trials, and creation of better technologies and care delivery systems in partnership with others who share the same values and vision.

Institutions in the NUHS Group include the National University Hospital, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Jurong Community Hospital and Alexandra Hospital; three National Specialty Centres - National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS), National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS) and National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS); the National University Polyclinics (NUP); Jurong Medical Centre; and three NUS health sciences schools – NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (including the Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies), NUS Faculty of Dentistry and NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health.

With member institutions under a common governance structure, NUHS creates synergies for the advancement of health by integrating patient care, health science education and biomedical research.

As a Regional Health System, NUHS works closely with health and social care partners across Singapore to develop and implement programmes that contribute to a healthy and engaged population in the Western part of Singapore.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nuhs.edu.sg>.

About National University of Singapore (NUS)

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education, research and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise. We have 17 faculties across three campuses in Singapore, as well as 12 NUS Overseas Colleges across the world. Close to 40,000 students from 100 countries enrich our vibrant and diverse campus community.

Our multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research and entrepreneurship enables us to work closely with industry, governments and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in our faculties, 29 university-level research institutes, research centres of excellence and corporate labs focus on themes that include energy, environmental and urban

sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases common among Asians; active ageing; advanced materials; as well as risk management and resilience of financial systems. Our latest research focus is on the use of data science, operations research and cybersecurity to support Singapore's Smart Nation initiative.

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