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CAAS AND CHANGI GENERAL HOSPITAL STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION IN AVIATION MEDICINE WITH NEW CENTRE IN CHANGI AIRPORT

New Civil Aviation Medical Examination Centre offers improved medical support under one roof for greater convenience to aviation licence holders

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and Changi General Hospital (CGH) have signed a Collaboration Agreement (Agreement) to establish a Civil Aviation Medical Examination Centre (CAMEC) in Changi Airport. This development follows the establishment of the Changi Aviation Medicine Centre at CGH in June 2019. The CAMEC is dedicated to providing Singapore aviation licence holders, such as pilots, aircraft maintenance engineers and air traffic controllers convenient access to services such as medical examination, fitness evaluation and aeromedical review, among other aeromedical and occupational medicine services.

2. The CAMEC is set up within CAAS's My PEL Hub, which is a one-stop service centre for aviation professionals at Changi Airport. Singapore aviation licence holders can now go for medical fitness assessments¹, as well as renew or collect their licences at the same location. This offers time-savings and added convenience, as aviation licence

¹ The medical fitness assessment of aviation personnel is an integral part of the personnel licensing process. Singaporelicensed personnel must undergo and pass regular medical fitness assessments in order to obtain and maintain the validity of their licences.

holders will no longer need to make separate arrangements at various locations to complete their licensing process.

3. The Agreement, signed by Mr Kevin Shum, Director-General of CAAS, and Associate Professor Ng Wai Hoe, Chief Executive Officer of CGH, was inked under the ambit of the CAAS-CGH Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organisations in September 2018. Under this MOU, CAAS and CGH committed to explore establishing an aviation and occupational specialist centre and implementing programmes for aviation personnel. These programmes may cover psychological support, mental resilience and fatigue risk management. The MOU also aims to promote a healthy and productive aviation workforce and conduct clinical research on emerging aviation trends.

4. Mr Kevin Shum, Director-General of CAAS, said, "The establishment of the CAMEC at Changi Airport marks a significant milestone in our efforts to achieve the highest standards of aviation safety and productivity. By drawing on CGH's expertise and experience in delivering quality clinical practice, we will further augment our capabilities in aviation medicine."

5. "Changi General Hospital is honoured to contribute towards Singapore's worldclass aviation infrastructure, by leveraging its expertise in medicine to further strengthen the ecosystem for Aviation Medicine right at the heart of Changi Airport. We will harness the many opportunities to define tomorrow's medicine for Singapore's aviators, and grow our expertise in this niche specialty to support the development of Singapore's aviation sector", added Associate Professor Ng Wai Hoe, Chief Executive Officer of CGH.

About the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore

The mission of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) is to grow a safe, vibrant air hub and civil aviation system, making a key contribution to Singapore's success. CAAS' roles are to oversee and promote safety in the aviation industry, develop the air hub and aviation industry, provide air navigation services, provide aviation training for human resource development, and contribute to the development of international civil aviation.

About Changi General Hospital

Changi General Hospital (CGH) is a public teaching hospital with over 1,000 beds serving a community of more than 1 million people in eastern Singapore. With a wide range of medical specialties and services, it is helmed by an experienced and skilled team of healthcare professionals who consistently deliver positive health outcomes and care for patients.