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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW APPOINTMENTS

Singapore, 6 August 2008 – Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre (“the Hospital”), is pleased to appoint Dr Wong Yue Sie (黄榆思医生) as the interim Chief Executive Officer and Mr James Toi (朱发财先生) as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer. They were recommended by the Ministry of Health (“MOH”) at the request of the Management Committee of the Hospital. Their appointments were confirmed by the Management Committee of the Hospital after interviews. Both Dr Wong and Mr Toi are on secondment from MOH. Mr Toi will assume the CEO role when Dr Wong returns to MOH.

The Hospital is also pleased to promote Dr Ong Seh Hong (王世丰医生) as the Chief Operating Officer in addition to his current portfolio as Clinical Director.

Dr Wong Yue Sie, 47, is currently the Chairman, Division of Ambulatory and Clinical Support Services and a Senior Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon of the Singapore General Hospital (“SGH”). He was also the Chief of SAF Medical Corps of the Singapore Armed Forces from July 2001 to September 2006. He brings with him a wealth of experience in the delivery of healthcare services, including development of new healthcare services, implementing organisational and healthcare policies and medical training. Dr Wong is a strong leader with an excellent track record of setting up new hospital services.

Mr James Toi, 46, is the Chief Operating Officer of the National Heart Centre (“NHC”). Mr Toi has worked in the public healthcare sector for the past 13 years including SGH. He was part of the team who was responsible for bringing NHC into an autonomous institution in 1999. His strength is in the management of the healthcare operations.

The interim CEO and Deputy CEO will be accountable to the Management Committee of the Hospital for the setting up and smooth run-in of the new community hospital, interfacing with MOH on building and funding matters, as well as executing the deliverables of the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) signed with MOH. The MOU is part of Ren Ci’s continued efforts and commitment to our mission to deliver holistic and best possible care for the sick. This partnership between Ren Ci and MOH, in collaboration with Tan Tock Seng Hospital (“TTSH”) will put in place systematic frameworks and processes to ensure patient safety and enhance the standard of clinical care for patients referred to Ren Ci Community Hospital from TTSH.

Dr Ong Seh Hong, 46, has been with Ren Ci since 2000. A trained psychiatrist by profession, Dr Ong has deep compassion for the patients and never fails to render greater care for them. He has initiated several welfare programmes that had benefited the

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patients and their well-being. Dr Ong will be responsible for the daily operations of the existing and new community hospital.

Mr Chua Thian Poh (蔡天宝先生), Chairman of the Hospital, said, “Ren Ci is moving into a new phase with new challenges. With the expansion of clinical services and the opening of the new community hospital by end of this year, we will be delivering higher level of care, with more complex and sub-acute patients. We will also be entering into a new partnership with MOH to collaborate with Tan Tock Seng Hospital to provide seamless integrated patient care.”

He added: “With the experiences which Dr Wong, Mr Toi and Dr Ong have had, we believe that Ren Ci will propel to new heights.”

The team will also have the immediate and urgent task to regain the trust and confidence of the public. They will continue to enhance and comply with the Corporate Governance framework that had been laid out by the Management Committee. For better accountability and transparency, the team will seek alternative ways to communicate more effectively with all stakeholders, donors and the public in the areas of Hospital’s activities and spending. With these efforts, Ren Ci is confident that it can regain the trust and confidence of the public.

Dr Wong said, “The path ahead is challenging but we have a strong team that is passionate and fully committed to the mission based on the belief in compassion and a conviction to provide dedicated patient care services to the poor and needy. We will build upon the good work of the staff and volunteers in caring for the patients over the past 14 years. We will work hand-in-hand with the Management Committee to help Ren Ci make the next leap.”

All the three new appointments will take effect on 7 August 2008.

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About Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre

Established as a charity in 1994, Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre provides medical, nursing, allied health, acupuncture services, psychosocial support and counselling to 444-warded patients, regardless of race, religion or background.

ISO certified since 2002, Ren Ci is one of the few charities in Singapore that renders quality comprehensive step down and integrated health care for the community. This encompasses our Chronic Sick Hospitals, Nursing Home, Home Medical, Home Nursing & Home Physiotherapy, Acupuncture & Physiotherapy Clinic and Day Care Centres for the Elderly.

Construction work is underway to build a new hospital which will include sub-acute care and community hospital service. The new hospital situated on Irrawaddy Road is due to open by end of 2008.