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INQUIRY INTO REN CI HOSPITAL & MEDICARE CENTRE

Singapore, 15 July 2008 – In response to the Ministry of Health’s (“MOH”) announcement this morning, Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre (“Ren Ci”) wishes to assure all its stakeholders and the public of its continued commitment towards the welfare of all its patients, the well being of its staff and the smooth running of its clinical services.

Venerable Shi Ming Yi has voluntarily resigned from all offices in Ren Ci Hospital and other organisations under the umbrella of Ren Ci with effect from 14 July 2008. The Management Committee of Ren Ci has accepted his resignation and wishes to acknowledge and thank his contributions to Ren Ci over the years.

In the interim, Dr Ong Seh Hong, Clinical Director, will cover the duties as CEO to oversee the operations of the Hospital.

A manager in Ren Ci, David Phua, faces one charge as announced in MOH’s media announcement, he has been suspended from all official duties with immediate effect.

Ren Ci was established 14 years ago based on a belief in compassion and a conviction to provide dedicated patient care services to the poor and sick. Today, the Management Committee remains passionate and fully committed to this mission.

The Management Committee is dedicated to providing the best possible service and to ensure highest possible transparency and full accountability to the public and community. The Management Committee also endeavours to maintain the morale of staff and volunteers.

Ren Ci would not have been able to serve the poor and sick these several years, without the support, dedication and commitment of the public, the staff and volunteers. We appeal to the public, the staff and volunteers to continue to support Ren Ci.

The Management Committee will hold a press conference in due course.

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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 which is situated on Irrawaddy Road, is scheduled for completion in late 2008.