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SingHealth and Temasek Foundation partner to provide disaster preparedness specialists programme for Makassar, Indonesia

Singapore, 15 May 2014 – SingHealth will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hasanuddin University on 17 May 2014 that will see the SingHealth Group provide a disaster preparedness specialists programme for Makassar, Indonesia over a period of 2 years. The capability-building training programme was introduced with a contribution of S\$554,300 by Temasek Foundation, Singapore, with significant assistance and in-kind contribution by SingHealth and Hasanuddin University.

A team of medical practitioners from Singapore General Hospital's (SGH) Department of Emergency Medicine and Division of Surgery, and KK Women's and Children's Hospital's Department of Children's Emergency, will create a Disaster Medicine Education Programme to train some 430 specialists comprising 50 master trainers and 380 healthcare workers and community first responders in Makassar. The aim is to strengthen the capabilities of hospitals and the local disaster management team to deal with emergencies during disaster, with particular focus on preparedness, response and recovery in order to lessen the impact of disasters.

Indonesia's Sulawesi region is an area prone to natural disasters owing to its geographical location. Hasanuddin University and their affiliated hospitals have been instrumental in providing disaster management and emergency preparedness for the Sulawesi region. Hence, it is critical that the university and its network of hospitals train healthcare workers in the region with a high level of disaster preparedness to mitigate the effects of and recover from disasters.

Through this programme, master trainers will be equipped with knowledge in disaster medical care and management to train healthcare workers and community first responders in managing the initial phase of disaster emergencies. Healthcare workers will be trained to support disaster management efforts at disaster sites and to organise and manage casualties brought to healthcare institutions, while community first responders will learn basic training in life saving interventions to provide assistance to disaster victims.

Upon completion of the programme, the 50 master trainers will in turn train another 200 healthcare workers and community first responders to further multiply the benefits of the training.

Professor Ivy Ng, Group Chief Executive Officer, SingHealth, said: "SingHealth, as a healthcare leader in the region, is privileged to be able to share our best practices and expertise in disaster management, which we believe will make a meaningful, continuing impact on the people of Makassar. Such partnerships not only strengthen our relationships with neighbouring countries, they also give us the opportunity to better evaluate and improve our disaster medical education programmes."

Mr Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive Officer, Temasek Foundation, Singapore said: “From time to time, communities in Asia face disasters that cause damage to their homes and great distress to their lives and livelihoods. Hence, it is vital that medical and community health professionals be equipped to develop disaster management systems, and be better trained to assist their communities to respond in the eventuality of disasters.”

At the end of the programme, a series of assessments will be carried out to evaluate the effectiveness of the programme. One of these will be a major full-scale disaster management exercise conducted by Hasanuddin University, based on a set of documented procedures co-developed with the SingHealth team.

Training for the first batch of participants begins in May 2014 and is expected to be completed by November 2015. Please refer to Annex A for profiles of participants and Annex B for the programme outline.

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Members of the SingHealth group:

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Singapore General Hospital and KK Women's and Children's Hospital

National Specialty Centres (Tertiary Specialty Care):

National Cancer Centre Singapore, National Dental Centre of Singapore, National Heart Centre Singapore, National Neuroscience Institute, and Singapore National Eye Centre

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About Temasek Foundation, Singapore

Temasek Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organisation anchored in Singapore that seeks to contribute to sustainable growth and a bright future of hope and opportunities for people in Asia. The foundation works with partners to support programmes that build people through health care and education, programmes that build bridges between peoples, programmes that build institutions of excellence through governance and ethics, programmes that rebuild lives and livelihoods affected by natural disasters. For more information, visit www.temasekfoundation.org.sg

About Hasanuddin University

Hasanuddin University is one of the largest state-owned Universities in Indonesia based in Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi province in the Republic of Indonesia. The university was established in 1956, and has 14 faculties for their undergraduate programmes. Hasanuddin University has significant influence in coordinating disaster management efforts in the region.

Profiles of Participants

Master trainers: healthcare workers and/or medical faculty involved in training hospital healthcare professionals

Healthcare workers: frontline doctors, nurses and allied health professionals

Community first responders: members of the community who may or may not be medically trained but volunteer to assist disaster management efforts. They would typically be members of social agencies, youth leaders and NGOs involved in the rescue work.

Programme Outline

This is a two-year programme that will address the need to enhance the capacities of disaster management specialists in Makassar, Indonesia, to be better prepared in responding to possible disasters. The 430 participants will be trained as a core team of health care professionals and community health responders. There will also be a training-of-trainers programme. This will ensure that others can also be trained to form local disaster response teams to respond to medical management in the event of a disaster.

These master trainers, healthcare workers and community first responders will be trained in three phases with skills according to their needs (theories and hands-on):

Phase	Period	Activity
A	9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Assessment and Project Definition • Preparation of Educational Materials • Training of Trainers and initial providers
B	1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete training of Instructors, healthcare workers, hospital staff and community first responders
C	3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of courses / Disaster Management exercise • Graduation of first batch of Disaster Medicine Master trainers