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Dear Prof Lui

**SUPPORT FOR SINGAPORE TO HOST THE 25<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY IN 2023 (WCD 2023)**

The Ministry of Health, Singapore supports the Dermatological Society of Singapore's bid to host the 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermatology in 2023 (WCD 2023).

2. Over the years, Singapore has become the regional leader in skin care and dermatology. Our National Skin Centre, which celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, has made great strides in developing clinical services and treatment for complex dermatological cases such as skin cancers and severe extensive eczema. It also continues to break new ground in the area of skin research, in partnership with established institutions such as A\*STAR and the NTU-Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine. The Skin Research Institute of Singapore (SRIS) has also collaborated with the Technical University of Munich (TUM) to conduct innovative research.

3. A new one-stop facility by the National Skin Centre, housing state-of-the-art technology, is in the works and will be completed by 2022. This integrated hub for dermatological practice, training and research will strengthen Singapore's role as a centre of excellence for dermatology.

4. The Dermatological Society of Singapore is in a good position to ensure a smooth and successful execution of the congress, having played an active role in the organisation of premier, large-scale conferences since 1974. This year, the Society organised the 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Scientific Meeting of Paediatric Dermatology, which drew esteemed attendees from across the Asia Pacific region. The society is also an advocate in promoting the continuity of medical education amongst medical practitioners in the field of dermatology.



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5. Singapore is one of the top convention cities globally and has been chosen as the venue for many international conferences. Singapore's position as a leading business hub, with its seamless accessibility, world-class convention facilities and infrastructure will allow for a successful staging of the prestigious WCD 2023. With Singapore's multi-cultural heritage offering an eclectic blend of East and West, delegates of the event will also enjoy a fascinating variety of culinary experiences, leisure offerings and a wealth of sights and sounds.

6. We sincerely hope that this bid will be considered favourably and look forward to hosting WCD 2023 in Singapore. It will be our honour to extend our warmth and hospitality to the delegates.

Yours sincerely



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