

## **AMSC President Speech 1st Anniversary Luncheon**

**The Apartment, Hotel Centennial 1 May 2022**

**Dr Xiufang Vivian Liu**

Good afternoon to our distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I am delighted to welcome you to our first anniversary celebration luncheon. This is an invitation-only event to allow AMSC to show our gratitude for your tremendous support over the last year.

AMSC is a non-profit organisation representing all registered or regulated medical and health professionals. The Board of AMSC set a clear goal at its foundation, aiming to provide healthcare workers with a community and platform to share knowledge and create meaningful professional relationships.

Despite a highly challenging year due to the pandemic, AMSC is proud of what we have achieved since our official launch in January 2021. We can thank the robust governance structure of AMSC which has allowed us to reach our goals for the first year. The input of time and effort from each member of the three collaborative teams, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Advisory Council, was enormous.

Our strategic approaches have been very successful in attracting and engaging our members through continuing professional educational sessions, networking events and vocational planning.

While in-person meetings were not possible, we ran monthly CPD educational webinars, which attracted hundreds of medical practitioners to attend. Nine online CPD educational webinars were held in 2021, with 17 speakers sharing their knowledge with the audience. The two most popular sessions were Pregnancy Care Dilemmas, Myths & the New Horizons by **AMSC Board Chair Associate Professor Seng Chua**, two midwives from our Advisory Council; and Genetic Testing in Hypercholesterolaemia & Reproductive genetic carrier screening by DHM pathologist **Professor Graeme Suthers**.

To look after all members' diverse interests and to follow the current trend of the digital age, we also held 5 TED talks, from guidance to personal branding, investment strategies to walking together with patients on the journey of chronic illness, among others.

We care for our future workforce in the health industry.

We ran five student series webinars last year and two online internship programs in January. We invited professors, both GP and non-GP specialists and senior registrars, to introduce real-world clinical experience to students and junior medical staff. Again, the collaboration between team members made it happen, with AMSC honorary consultant **Professor Danforn Lim** educating interns on what information the Specialist GPs need from the hospital teams when they are about to discharge patients.

AMSC also proudly co-hosted a charity event in June 2021 for the Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation, raising over \$110,000 to support children with autism.

As COVID-19 restrictions lift, we are rolling out many dynamic and popular networking events. In November last year, AMSC held a skin health talk by our first Vice President, **Dr Danae Lim**, followed by a Spanish Cooking Class. In April this year, we held a dumpling-making class, and in two weeks, we will run a Turkish lamp making class for networking among our members. We have attracted many new members to join us through these networking events.

I am confident that AMSC will continue to deliver more and more educational and social networking events in the foreseeable future to serve our members and continue on our mission. Stay tuned.

Having talked so much about our achievements, I have to say AMSC's current success results from hard work, perfectionism, persistence, team collaboration, and most importantly, the immense support from our sponsors, friends and family members. With your support, we will grow bigger and stronger!

Let me thank you all for being with us on this journey. We look forward to working more closely with you in the future.

Thank you!