

**MEDIA RELEASE**

***RafflesMedicalGroup* and the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Municipality Forged Strategic Partnership to Establish a New Model for Medical Cooperation Between Singapore and Chongqing**

**Chongqing, 10 June 2025** – *RafflesMedicalGroup* (or Group) and the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Municipality formally signed a strategic cooperation agreement in Chongqing on 3 June 2025. This partnership marks a significant breakthrough in deepening medical cooperation between Singapore and Chongqing, aiming to integrate international expertise with local strengths to enhance the overall medical service capabilities of Chongqing and benefit more patients in the city with high-quality medical resources.

Besides Mr Wu Hao, Secretary of Party Committee of the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Municipality, the signing ceremony was also attended by Ms Josephine Teo, Minister for Digital Development and Information and Minister-in-charge of Smart Nation and Cybersecurity of Singapore, and Mr Hu Henghua, Mayor of the Chongqing Municipal People's Government, highlighting their support for the initiative.



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[From left to right] Dr Loo Choon Yong, Minister Josephine Teo, Mayor Hu Henghua, and Party Secretary Wu Hao.

## **Strong Partnership: Building a Multi-Tiered Cooperation Framework**

**RafflesMedicalGroup** and the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Municipality will undertake comprehensive and in-depth collaboration across three levels: institutional, hospital, and disciplinary, to foster a new paradigm of cooperation.

## **Strategic Cooperation Platform at the Top Level**

This strategic partnership establishes a new healthcare collaboration ecosystem focused on value co-creation and complementary strengths. The two parties will engage in reciprocal visits and exchanges for medical, nursing, technical, pharmaceutical, and administrative personnel, and explore innovative cooperation models such as dual-appointment talent systems, AI applications, and alignment with international medical standards. These initiatives will inject quality-driven productivity into the sustainable development of both institutions and regional healthcare.

## **Construction of a Close-Knit Medical Consortium**

**RafflesHospitalChongqing** and the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Municipality will establish a medical consortium to facilitate the rational flow of medical resources. Through multi-disciplinary collaboration, talent exchange and training, equipment sharing, mutual recognition of medical examinations, and two-way referral mechanisms, they will enhance the overall medical service capabilities in Chongqing, ensuring broader access to premium medical resources for local patients.

## **Upgrading of Key Disciplinary Alliances**

The parties will develop a "Specialty Alliance 2.0" cooperation model to promote homogenisation of medical technologies. By convening top expert teams from both sides, they will advance disciplinary development through academic exchanges, consultations on complex cases, and other collaborative activities.

## **Complementary Advantages: Unleashing Synergistic Development Momentum**

**RafflesMedicalGroup** operates a fully integrated healthcare organisation with a presence in 14 cities across five countries in Asia. The Group is recognised for its international service philosophy, group practice management model, extensive cross-border insurance direct billing network, and global medical resources. Its flagship project in China, **RafflesHospitalChongqing**, brings together multinational medical experts to deliver patient-centred team-based care, one-stop diagnostics and treatments, along with "Hospitel" – an integrated model that merges hospital care with hotel-style management services.

The First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Municipality is a top-tier tertiary Class-A teaching hospital in Southwest China, boasting comprehensive disciplinary coverage, strong clinical capabilities, and

profound teaching and research expertise. With numerous national and provincial key specialties and quality control centres, it ranks among the leading hospitals in China.

This collaboration represents a powerful union between an internationally advanced healthcare system and a top Chinese public hospital, combining their respective strengths to drive innovation in medical services.

## **Setting a Benchmark: Charting a New Chapter for Singapore-Chongqing Cooperation**

“This strategic partnership signifies a tangible implementation of the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity in the healthcare sector. It aligns with the "Healthy China 2030" strategy and the call to deepen international medical cooperation. It represents a new chapter of mutual benefit in healthcare between Singapore and Chongqing. This partnership also offers a "Chongqing Model" for international medical cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative, further consolidating Chongqing’s status as an international medical hub city,” said Dr Loo Choon Yong, Executive Chairman, **RafflesMedicalGroup**.

Through innovative collaboration mechanisms, the parties aim to elevate the internationalisation of regional medical services, cultivate globally minded medical talent, accelerate the transformation of medical research achievements, and provide patients with seamless, high-quality cross-border healthcare experiences.

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## About Us

### About Raffles Medical Group

Founded in 1976, **RafflesMedicalGroup** (RMG or the Group) is one of the leading integrated private healthcare providers in the region, providing a continuum of services from primary and tertiary care to health insurance for people across Asia. A proudly Singaporean brand, RMG is listed on the mainboard of the Singapore stock exchange (SGX: BSL) and operates in 14 cities in five countries in Asia. This network includes four hospitals and over 100 multi-disciplinary clinics, offering services such as health screening, specialist care, diagnostic radiology, dental and traditional Chinese medicine. Together with more than 2,900 employees, RMG brings 49 years of trusted healthcare expertise and care to over 2.8 million patients across our network as their trusted partner for health. For more information, please visit [rafflesmedicalgroup.com](https://rafflesmedicalgroup.com).

### About Raffles Medical

**RafflesMedical** is the primary care network of **RafflesMedicalGroup** operating over 55 practices and clinics in Singapore providing family medicine, health screening and dental services. **RafflesMedical** also has Japanese clinics and/or clinics offering Japanese services in Singapore, Beijing Tianjin, Shanghai, Osaka, Fukuoka, and Ho Chi Minh City, servicing its Japanese patients with family medicine and dental services. In Singapore, **RafflesMedical** represents one of the largest networks of primary care clinics and services over 7,000 corporate clients, supporting the healthcare needs of businesses and employees. Through **RafflesMedicalInternational**, the Raffles brand of quality and affordable care is available to patients in 14 cities, including Singapore, Greater China, Japan as well as Cambodia and Vietnam.

### About Raffles Hospital

**RafflesHospital** is the flagship private tertiary hospital offering of the Group in Singapore that currently operates a growing network of tertiary hospitals in Singapore and China, including **RafflesHospitalChongqing**, **RafflesHospitalShanghai**, **RafflesHospitalBeijing** and American International Hospital (AIH) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, which the Group commenced managing in January 2024. In Singapore, **RafflesHospital** offers a comprehensive range of medical and dental specialties as well as diagnostic services. **RafflesHospital** is the only private tertiary hospital in Singapore to be recognised by the Ministry of Health as Trauma Centre and is authorised to accept emergency cases from public ambulances under the Emergency Care Collaboration Scheme. The Hospital also operates more than 30 specialist centres and specialist satellite clinics, covering over 30 disciplines. Subscribing to the Group Practice model of healthcare, over 1,500 physicians, nurses and allied healthcare professionals bring the Raffles brand of quality, peer-reviewed healthcare to patients in the region.

### About Raffles China Healthcare

**RafflesChinaHealthcare** is the operating division of the **RafflesMedicalGroup** in China that provides patients with a suite of healthcare services from primary care to tertiary care. **RafflesChinaHealthcare** provides primary and tertiary care through its clinics and hospitals in seven cities in China – Beijing, Chongqing, Hong Kong SAR, Nanjing, Shanghai, and Tianjin. **RafflesChinaHealthcare**'s network of tertiary hospitals includes **RafflesHospitalChongqing**, Singapore's first private tertiary hospital in China, and **RafflesHospitalShanghai**, which opened in July 2021, as well as the **RafflesHospitalBeijing**, bringing the Raffles brand of quality, peer-reviewed healthcare to more patients in China. **RafflesChinaHealthcare** has been in operation in Hong Kong SAR since 1995 with multiple medical centres across Hong Kong SAR as well as Hong Kong International Airport where it is the exclusive medical service provider for the airport.

### About Raffles Health Insurance

**RafflesHealthinsurance** is the health insurance division of **RafflesMedicalGroup**, providing healthcare insurance to corporates and individuals in Singapore. Backed by the expertise of a trusted medical group with 48 years of experience, **RafflesHealthinsurance** seeks to provide healthcare financing solutions that cater to the needs of all its policy owners and members. Incorporated in 2004, **RafflesHealthinsurance** is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the **RafflesMedicalGroup** and is an Integrated Shield Plan provider appointed by the Ministry of Health in Singapore. **RafflesHealthinsurance**, through its partnership with Bupa Global, also offers a wider range of international private health plans, which are co-insured by RHI and Bupa, to cater to the needs of individuals and corporate clients of the international business community in Singapore.