

HK's Fung Foundation, NUS unveil US\$2.1m healthcare programme

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HONG KONG-BASED Fung Foundation and the National University of Singapore (NUS) have set up a US\$2.1 million programme to support doctors in South-east Asia and China.

The Fung Clinical Fellowship will involve expert faculty members from Singapore's NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University Hospital (NUH) and National University Health System (NUHS). They will help to train doctors in the Asean countries and China in the area of clinical best practices.

The programme will also support doctors from the South-east Asian countries

as well as developing nations undergoing training at Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUH and NUHS. In addition, it will support research on diseases less commonly found in Singapore.

The programme was unveiled at the Fung Healthcare Leadership Summit on Friday. A sum of US\$1.1 million was gifted by the foundation for the programme, while NUS will apply for a government grant equivalent to the remaining US\$1 million. Said NUS president Tan Chorh Chuan: "The key to the advancement of healthcare is the continual improvement of the quality of doctors and healthcare professionals. The generous gift by the Victor and William Fung Foundation (Fung Foundation) . . . will be a powerful and timely catalyst in this regard."