

SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SINGAPORE, 2 JANUARY 2019 – The Singapore Association for Mental Health (SAMH) has announced the appointment of Ms Ngo Lee Yian as its Executive Director, with effect from today.

Ms Ngo brings with her 30 years of experience working within the social services sector in Singapore, having led in the review and formulation of the sector’s various capacity and capability building schemes. Prior to her current role, Ms Ngo served in the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) as Director of Adult Protective Service, Rehabilitation and Protection Group.

As the Executive Director of SAMH, Ms Ngo will lead the organisation to fulfil its mission of improving the lives of persons with mental health issues, promoting respect and acceptance for them in society and increasing the mental resilience of the community.

“SAMH has done exceptionally well as a leading community agency for mental health in Singapore, having facilitated greater public understanding of mental health issues while serving the needs of the mental health community for the past fifty years. As mental health gains prominence in Singapore, I am excited to be joining the SAMH team to nurture a more compassionate and supportive community, and to ultimately reduce the stigma commonly associated with mental health issues,” said Ms Ngo.

Dr Francis Yeoh, President of SAMH, said, “On behalf of SAMH, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Lee Yian as she joins the SAMH family. Her wealth of experience in social work will help SAMH serve the needs of the mental health community more effectively and bring our service offerings closer to the wider community in Singapore. We look forward to her leadership in taking the association forward as we cross into our 51st year of community service.”

Ms Ngo has a Masters in Social Work from National University of Singapore. Ms Ngo was awarded the Outstanding Social Worker in 2003 in the social services field.

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About Singapore Association for Mental Health (SAMH)

Established in 1968, the Singapore Association for Mental Health (SAMH) is a non-profit and non-government social service organisation that provides a comprehensive range of mental health services, which include rehabilitative, outreach and creative services, to the community in Singapore. SAMH aims to reintegrate persons with mental health issues back into society through community-based mental health programmes and services that provide rehabilitative care for these individuals, and support for their families and caregivers. With a vision to promote mental wellness for all, SAMH is committed to improve the lives of, and promote acceptance and respect for, persons with mental health issues and improve the mental resilience of the community. In 2018, SAMH celebrated its 50th anniversary where the Association pledged its commitment to step up efforts and address the growing challenge of mental health issues among the people, young and old. For more information, please visit: www.samhealth.org.sg.

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