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ASIA'S ALL-INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE PLATFORM ADVOCATES ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

Singapore, 6 March 2018 – The inaugural CaREhab conference and exhibition, Asia's premier healthcare platform addressing combining needs between aging and disability across the care continuum, kicks off its first Asian trade platform seeking to address pressing issues faced by medical physicians, allied health professionals, students, home care givers today. Organised by SingEx Exhibitions, CaREhab will be held at the **Singapore EXPO, Hall 3A** from **16 to 17 March 2018**.

The two-day conference and exhibition will address community concerns for current aging population concerns in Asia, while also tackling pertinent issues in the fields of stroke rehab, primary care and community rehab, pain and sports rehab management, musculoskeletal rehab, as well as a host of other rehabilitation-related domains. The business event has evolved from its predecessor, RehabTechAsia 2013 and 2015, to an inclusive, all-encompassing platform for the region's rehabilitation community across the care continuum.

CaREhab 2018: Built to Serve Today's Community's Needs

The increasing growth of the aged population, as well as the rising number of individuals with permanent and non-permanent disabilities in APAC, represents huge opportunities for businesses and professionals specialised in elderly and assistive care, as well as rehabilitative services to thrive. It is based on this understanding that the team behind SingEx's Healthcare and Automotive & Commodities Cluster conceptualised CaREhab – a converging platform to facilitate professional knowledge sharing, as well as the showcase of innovation and technology relevant to the ecosystem of care providers.

Themed "***Bridging Aging and Disability across the Care Continuum***" CaREhab 2018 represents the interconnectivity of rehabilitation and geriatric care with the care continuum, present in the industry today. Dr Maria Eisa, Medical Consultant and Content Producer for CaREhab, said, "Many healthcare services exist within the care continuum and it is vital for the care process to be inclusive and integrated. Alongside other like-minded key opinion leaders who view the care providers as members of a larger ecosystem, SingEx is committed to educate, engage and connect healthcare professionals on topics of rehabilitation and geriatric care, as well as the latest technological, psychological and medical possibilities that can heighten industry growth."

Ian Wu, Cluster Director (Healthcare and Automotive & Commodities) of SingEx Exhibitions, added, “With a growing aging population in Singapore and Asia, there is a need for cross-representation of the spectrum of rehabilitation and geriatric care technology and innovation, and for professionals to be better equipped and updated on what is available today. This helps to better cater to unique needs of patients. The future of healthcare will be integrated and patient-centric. SingEx believes that education and knowledge sharing will allow practitioners to make every patient the heart of the rehab process and enable better care delivery.”

The Industry, Sizeable Opportunities and Future Challenges

Ageing Population – A study¹ conducted by United Nations’ Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) revealed that population in the Asian and Pacific region is “greying” at an alarming rate. While only 12.4 per cent of the populace was above 60 years of age during the study which took place in 2016, the percentage of older persons is projected to exceed 25 by 2050.

FIGURE 1: PROPORTION OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 60 OR OVER IN 2016 AND 2050 BY ESCAP SUBREGION



Source: ESCAP Statistical Database (2016)

Permanent and Temporary Disability – ESCAP also reported² in November 2017 that one in every six persons in Asia and the Pacific has some form of disability – making the region home to a staggering estimate of 650 million men, women and children with disabilities. The number is projected to grow over the next decades due to factors such as natural disasters, chronic health issues, traffic injuries, poor working conditions, and catalysed by rapid population ageing.

Countries with relatively high and/or growing proportion of older and disabled persons need to put in place appropriate healthcare policies and provide relevant and

¹ [Ageing in Asia and the Pacific Overview, United Nations ESCAP, 2016](#)

² [Building Disability-Inclusive Societies in Asia and the Pacific, United Nations ESCAP, 2017](#)

affordable services to address their unique needs and integrate them with the rest of the society in the best possible way. A way to do so is through healthcare intervention and rehabilitation.

While an increased number of aged and physically impaired individuals in the region might introduce additional stress on the healthcare resources of countries and implicates economic performance, companies and professionals involved in the provision of elderly and rehabilitative care have much to gain if they are able to capitalise on what the market demands and lack.

CaREhab 2018 Conference and Exhibition – Educating and Connecting Professionals from Across the Care Continuum

The **CaREhab 2018 Conference** is a dedicated thought-leadership platform designed to converge perspectives and learnings from the key players in the industry. Over the two-day event, panel discussions, keynote presentations and in-depth discussions focusing on 11 areas such as neuro, stroke, geriatrics, musculoskeletal, pain management and the integration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, amongst other topics, will engage, educate and connect participating delegates.

The conference will cover a wide spectrum of topics including stroke rehabilitation, sports injury rehabilitation and occupational therapy, dementia and geriatric care, but also addresses the integrated role played by Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in conjunction with conventional rehabilitation and geriatric care. Delegates will be able to complement their conference experience with the accompanying trade exhibition through experiential learning at the interactive zones and booths displaying latest technologies, as well as cutting-edge solutions in the rehab field.

The self-directed, multi-disciplinary conference will feature unsponsored and neutral content surrounding **80 interesting specialist topics** such as Telemedicine and Mobile Therapy, Vestibular Rehabilitation, Cervical Muscles Pathophysiology and Management, Robotics for Stroke Rehabilitation as well as New Solutions to Dysphagia, and see participation of **over 60 international renowned speakers** including Prof Ann Johansson, Occupational Therapist and Lecturer at School of Health and Welfare, Jönköping University, Sweden, Michael Warburton, Physiotherapist and Accredited Exercise Scientist of The Principal of Gateway Physiotherapy, Australia, Prof Witsanu Kumthornthip, Chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand, Rodney Lim, Consultant Laser Specialist of Laser Acupuncture Centre, Singapore, and Dr Asish Kumar Mukherjee, Director General of Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, India.

Delegates will also be able to choose from **four dedicated conference tracks** (see below), a core feature of the conference programme, to allow for a personalised and relevant experience.

1. Integration of the Elderly Care with Rehabilitation
2. Patient-focused Practice – Tailoring Clinical Practice according to Needs and Comfort of Patient
3. Transforming Healthcare with Technology
4. Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Professional Excellence, Partnership and Growth

The **exhibition component of CaREhab 2018** will bring “life” to the ideas brought forth during the conference, with focus on addressing challenges faced by practitioners and other industry players by showcasing the latest solutions, products and technologies such as accessories for occupational therapy, nursing bed, mattresses, pressure sore prevention products, ophthalmic supplies, cervical collars and guidance system for visually impaired persons. The exhibition will house **over 30 leading companies and start-ups** in the region specialised in mobility, rehabilitative, and assistive devices, care and services including Hocoma Pte Ltd, Switzerland (Singapore Office), SumiRubber Ltd, Hong Kong, AMF-Bruns GmbH & Co. KG, Germany, 3D Health Labs, Malaysia, and Wheelchair88 Sdn Bhd, Malaysia.



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Conference Theme: Bridging Aging and Disability across the Care Continuum

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Venue: Hall 3A @ Singapore EXPO

Time: 8:00 AM

Ticket Prices: Delegate pass starting from SGD 165 for full time students; Exhibition pass available at SGD 20 on site. Kindly visit <http://www.carehab-singapore.com/conference-registration> for more information.

Event Website: <http://www.carehab-singapore.com/>

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