



2nd April 2018

RE: Commencement date for Singapore Resuscitation and First Aid Council (SRFAC)

Dear Training Centre and Partners,

The National Resuscitation Council (NRC) and National First Aid Council (NFAC) has been accrediting and advising all resuscitation and first aid training centres respectively. Both councils have accomplished much to date and ensured training centres conduct their trainings accordingly, along with the most updated resuscitation and first aid guidelines. NRC and NFAC not only set the framework and standards, but more importantly they have forged invaluable bonds with various partners and training centres to date.

To avoid duplication of work and maximize resources, NRC and NFAC will merge to form a new council, namely the Singapore Resuscitation and First Aid Council (SRFAC) starting from 1st April 2018. The SRFAC is formed under the ambit of Ministry of Health (MOH) and with the guidance from the SRFAC Pro-Tem Committee, which consists of distinguished individuals and experienced medical professionals, will be responsible for accrediting both resuscitation and first aid training centres in Singapore. SRFAC will be led by the Executive Committee and supported by 4 sub committees overseeing life support programs in BCLS+AED, ACLS (LSCN), Pediatric and First Aid respectively. I am deeply humbled and truly honored to be appointed as the first SRFAC Chairman. The new mission, vision, terms of reference and organization chart has been attached for your reference.

As part of our engagement efforts, we will be organizing a townhall session on 12th May 2018, 9am at Singhealth Academia to update all training centres of the revised processes and framework in greater detail. To help training centres with this transition, there are minimum changes to the current accreditation practices set by NRC and NFAC so that you will have ample time to adjust to the new requirements when it takes effect from 2019. An official invitation will be sent to all training centres and stakeholders 2 weeks before the event via email.

I will like to take this opportunity to thank our pioneers involved in crafting the resuscitation and first aid landscape we are in, especially the respective past NRC and NFAC Chairman, namely Dr Teo Wee Siong, Prof Anantharaman Venkataraman, Prof Low Cheng Hock, Dr Chen Sze Hua and A/Prof Goh Lee Gan for their vision, unwavering dedication and leadership given over this period of time. They have built a sound foundation and infrastructure in terms of guidelines formulation and training centre accreditation for SRFAC to strive further. We look forward to working with all resuscitation and first aid training centres in Singapore and have your generous support in years to come.

“We see more and farther than our predecessors, not because we have keener vision or greater height, but because we are lifted up and borne aloft on their gigantic stature”

-Bernard of Chartres, 12th Century



A/Prof Lim Swee Han

Chairman

Singapore Resuscitation and First Aid Council