

Duke-NUS Centre of Regulatory Excellence, Indonesian Food and Drug Authority sign a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate training and collaborations in the pharmaceutical sector

- *The MOU was announced during the Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat in Bogor, Indonesia on 29 April 2024.*

SINGAPORE, 29 April 2024 – Duke-NUS Medical School and the Indonesian Food and Drug Authority (Indonesian FDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate new collaborations to strengthen Indonesia's regulatory systems and promote policy innovation in the pharmaceutical sector. The MoU, which was signed through the Duke-NUS Centre of Regulatory Excellence (CoRE), focuses on skills development and capacity enhancement, aiming to foster the development of medicines, biological products, traditional medicines, health supplements, and cosmetics in Indonesia.

As an active and trusted partner for health products regulation in the region, CoRE has worked together with the Indonesian FDA on regional regulatory projects, roundtables, seminars and various educational programmes since 2015. Most recently in January 2024, both institutions participated in a vaccine stakeholder engagement meeting in Jakarta to discuss the regulation of vaccine manufacturing as part of the Asian Development Bank's [Vaccine Regulation Project](#) during the [launch of the Indonesia Vaccine Collaborating Centre initiative](#).

Dr Lucia Rizka Andalucia, Acting Chairperson of the Indonesian FDA, expressed enthusiasm about the new partnership: "The signing of this MoU with Duke-NUS CoRE marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to enhance human resource capabilities in the pharmaceutical field. This collaboration will bolster our efforts to ensure the highest standards of public health and safety and will facilitate innovative health solutions across nations."

Professor John Lim, Executive Director of CoRE at Duke-NUS, said, "We are delighted to further strengthen CoRE's partnership with the Indonesian FDA through this MoU that builds on the longstanding professional partnership of trust and goodwill between our institutions. We look forward to working together on projects that strengthen the regulatory system, and providing ongoing support for Indonesia's health products regulatory capacity and professional development. This is aligned with CoRE's commitment to expand our regional collaborative network and play an effective coordinating role by contributing as an active partner in regional capacity building and systems strengthening initiatives."

About Indonesian Food and Drug Authority

Established in 2001, the Indonesian Food and Drug Authority (BPOM) is the national regulatory agency responsible for ensuring the safety, quality, and efficacy of a wide range of products, including food, drugs, traditional medicines, health supplements, and cosmetics. Committed to protecting public health, the BPOM implements stringent testing, evaluation, and monitoring protocols to ensure compliance with national standards and regulations. With an unwavering focus on consumer protection and industry transparency, BPOM is instrumental in upholding the integrity of Indonesia's food and drug supply chain, thereby building and maintaining trust among consumers and various stakeholders.

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About Duke-NUS Medical School

Duke-NUS is Singapore's flagship graduate entry medical school, established in 2005 with a strategic, government-led partnership between two world-class institutions: Duke University School of Medicine and the National University of Singapore (NUS). Through an innovative curriculum, students at Duke-NUS are nurtured to become multi-faceted 'Clinicians Plus' poised to steer the healthcare and biomedical ecosystem in Singapore and beyond. A leader in groundbreaking research and translational innovation, Duke-NUS has gained international renown through its five signature research programmes and 10 centres. The enduring impact of its discoveries is amplified by its successful Academic Medicine partnership with Singapore Health Services (SingHealth), Singapore's largest healthcare group. This strategic alliance has spawned 15 Academic Clinical Programmes, which harness multi-disciplinary research and education to transform medicine and improve lives.

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About Centre of Regulatory Excellence (CoRE)

The Centre of Regulatory Excellence (CoRE) was established in 2014 at the Duke-NUS Medical School with the aim of strengthening regulatory systems for health products (including medical devices and pharmaceuticals) and health services in the Asia Pacific, with a special focus on South-East Asia. The centre is unique in offering a multi-pronged approach to regulatory systems strengthening through the three key strategic approaches of education and training, applied research and policy innovation in an Asian context. As a trusted partner with a wide collaborative network comprising major international and regional regulatory authorities, organisations, industry and academic institutions, CoRE is able to effectively play a coordinating role and contribute as an active partner in regional capacity building and systems strengthening initiatives.

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The Duke-NUS Centre of Regulatory Excellence and the Indonesian Food and Drug Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding focusing on skills development and capacity enhancement in Indonesia's pharmaceutical sector, aiming to foster the growth of medicines,

biological products, traditional medicines, health supplements, and cosmetics in the country. The MoU will facilitate new opportunities for collaboration in advancing their shared mission of strengthening regulatory systems and promoting policy innovation.