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**OUR ALUMNI...JOURNEYING BEYOND**



**Discovering your  
passion and purpose**

**Png Yong Koh  
(Class of '87)**

## **Discovering your passion and purpose**

Meet Mr Png Yong Koh (YK) (Class of '87), the founder of PharmacistCoaches.Com with a vision of building a 21<sup>st</sup> century collaborative corporate world, where all employees would work happily with passion and purpose.

YK is an accomplished leader with over 30 years of management and leadership experience in the life sciences industry. Today, he serves as a business and career coach, course facilitator and trainer, and workplace learning and development solutionist, dedicating his time and skills to help individuals and organizations thrive.

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## **Rising above adversity: Pharmacy graduate finds renewed purpose in serving patients with empathy**

Matthew Tan's six-year undergraduate journey is marked with grit and resilience, having fought and won the battle against cancer twice in the midst of his studies. As he starts his next chapter as a pharmacist after receiving a Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) degree with Honours (Distinction), his own personal journey as a patient has empowered him to empathise and relate better with his patients.

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## INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



### Breaking boundaries, transforming healthcare: Highlights from SCI-Phi Day

Our Year 3 Pharmacy students amazed esteemed guests with their innovative projects at our inaugural SCI-Phi Day! Read on to delve into the highlights that unfolded throughout this remarkable day.

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## INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



### Healing hearts, transforming lives: An unforgettable service-learning journey in Cambodia

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Dispense-A-Dream'22 embarked on an overseas community service trip to Cambodia to continue our partnership with YMCA, WAH Foundation and the healthcare professionals in Kampong Chhnang to resume our efforts in sharing medical knowledge to healthcare workers as well as reaching out to primary school students in local communities.

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## INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



### Embarking on a new journey: A warm welcome to the Pharmily

The Pharmacy Freshmen Orientation Programmes held over the months of June to August warmly welcomed the Class of 2027 into our Pharmily with open arms through fun and exciting events.

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## INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



### Mentoring across borders - An international collaboration

The inaugural run of Bridging Our Borders (BOB), an international mentorship programme aimed at fostering cultural exchange and collaboration in pharmacy and pharmaceutical science, has successfully concluded this month. The one-and-a-half-month-long programme brought together 29 mentors and 88 mentees from esteemed organisations across the globe.

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## FROM THE RESEARCHER'S BENCH...



### Wonders of Pharmacy: The new era for cancer treatment

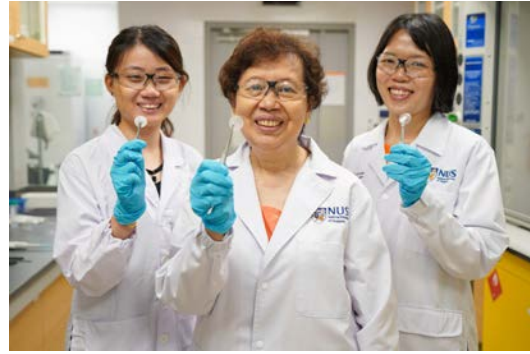
Leukemia is the most common blood cancer in children, and affects elderly individuals, yet a true cure is currently unavailable. Dr Shruti Bhatt's profound interest in researching on leukemia treatments holds promise for these patients. Read on to find out more about what she does and lessons from research!

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## WHAT'S UP



## FROM THE RESEARCHER'S BENCH...



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### NUS pharmacists develop a “cheeky” and pain-free solution for drug delivery

A team of researchers has recently developed easy-to-use oral films that enable painless, efficient, and discreet drug administration, especially for young children or the elderly. This patient-friendly drug delivery method is now being commercialised through an NUS start-up PharLyfe+ founded by A/Prof Chan Sui Yung and her students, Dr Tan Poh Leng and Ms Chua Qi Shan.

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### New beginnings

Join us in celebrating the new appointment of A/Prof Chan Sui Yung as Honorary Fellow and welcoming a new Assistant Professor, Dr Liu Shi to the Department. Click on to read Dr Liu's self-introduction.

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE (PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY)**

**MASTER OF PHARMACY (CLINICAL PHARMACY)**

Regular Admission  
January 2024 Intake



Application Period  
**1 June 2023 - 15 September 2023**



It was a joyous occasion with smiles and laughter at the Commencement ceremony on 8 July 2023. Graduands celebrated with their family, friends and faculty staff, and received pearls of wisdom from the guest speaker Adjunct A/Professor Chan Cheng Leng. This year also marks the graduation of our very first cohort of the full-time Master of Science (Pharmaceutical Science and Technology) programme. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2023 and a very warm welcome to the alumni family!



## UPCOMING EVENT

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|-------------------|--|
| 16 August 2023    | NUSPS PPAC Carnival  |
| 20 August 2023    | Fit, Fun, Fruit  |
| 25 August 2023    | <u><a href="#">Pharmily Dinner</a></u>   |
| 23 September 2023 | <u><a href="#">Health T.A.G. @ YCK 2023 – Healthier #YIO, Healthier Family</a></u> |

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