

Singapore National Eye Centre opens new facility

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Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC) has opened a new centre to tackle myopia. The launch was attended by Dr Lam Pin Min, Senior Minister of State for Health.

"There is an urgent and growing need for synergistic efforts to counter myopia. SNEC's Myopia Centre is one such national effort to bring together healthcare professionals to not just provide care and early detection for myopia, but also educate the public on preventive measures, as well as collaborate with relevant stakeholders to advance clinical research in this area", said Dr Min.

SNEC has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Singapore Polytechnic, which enables SNEC's Myopia Centre to host educational activities, provide clinical attachments and internship programs for optometry students and post-graduates. The concerted effort to share expertise and provide optometry students with learning opportunities will help to build capabilities, enabling more coordinated care for our patients.

Last year, Singapore Eye Research Institute (SERI)-SNEC had launched a collaboration with Johnson & Johnson Vision (JJV) to better understand the causes of myopia as well as further develop prevention and treatment modalities. JJV's collaboration with SNEC and SERI illustrates the clear commitment by all parties to manage myopia in Asia and beyond. The outcome of these research and collaborations are encouraging.