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Singapore and Vietnam join forces to advance regional healthcare collaboration

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To launch a new healthcare hub to drive innovation, education and research



Singapore and Vietnam are deepening their commitment to regional healthcare collaboration with the launch of a new Regional Collaborating Centre (RCC) in Hanoi.

A joint initiative by the SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute (SDGHI) and Hanoi Medical University (HMU), the centre will serve as a vital hub for academic partnerships, medical research and healthcare innovation, strengthening the shared vision of improving health outcomes across Southeast Asia.

Building on years of collaboration, the Hanoi RCC formalises and expands partnerships between SingHealth institutions, Duke-NUS Medical School, HMU, and other national stakeholders.

To date, Vietnam-Singapore clinical and academic projects have focused on key areas such as mental health, non-communicable diseases, pathogen genomics, early childhood development, innovation and health system.

The new centre will further strengthen cooperation, foster mutual learning, and enhance knowledge exchange in three ways:

- Supporting student and researcher exchanges to foster cross-border collaboration.
- Providing local resources for Vietnam-based research and global health initiatives.
- Acting as a key facilitator for regional healthcare partnerships and innovations.

The Hanoi RCC is the latest addition to SDGHI's expanding network of regional hubs, following the successful establishment of centres in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Notably, the Jaffna RCC has fostered advancements in trauma care, cancer research, and neuroscience, underscoring the tangible benefits of such partnerships.

The centre's launch coincides with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between HMU, SingHealth, Duke-NUS Medical School, and SDGHI. This agreement further strengthens cooperation in medical education, research, and professional exchanges in public health, dentistry, and nursing.