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Dear Survey Participants

We would like to thank you for your participation in this survey as part of the study on *Chinese-Australian Contributions to the Australian Health Professions*. The study is conducted by Professor Pookong Kee of the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan and Mrs Chooi Hon Ho, Honorary Research Fellow of the Monash Asia Institute, Monash University.

The study aims to understand the extent and nature of Chinese-Australian contributions to the health oppressions and potential barriers that might inhibit their full participation or contribution. The study involves an analysis of the latest 2006 Australian Census statistics on socio-economic characteristics of health professionals who identified their ancestry as “Chinese”. The census profile analysis is being supplemented with sample surveys and some in-depth interviews with health professionals of Chinese descent.

The survey is confidential and information collected would be analysed with no reference to personally identifiable indicators. There is no need for you to give your name or address. Questionnaires collected would be destroyed once the information is aggregated for analysis.

Please feel free to contact either of the two investigators if you have any queries about the survey, or wish to receive results of the analysis when it is completed. We take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in the study and your contribution to a better understanding of the important role of Australians of Chinese background to health services. Please return your completed questionnaire by 4 July 2008 to:

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**SURVEY OF CHINESE-AUSTRALIANS
IN THE AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

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Please circle (○) or tick (✓) the appropriate answer.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1. My basic medical qualification was obtained in:

- 1. Australia
- 2. China Mainland
- 3. Hong Kong
- 4. Indonesia
- 5. Malaysia
- 6. Singapore
- 7. Taiwan
- 8. Vietnam
- 9. Other (Please specify) -----

2. My highest formal education qualification is:

- 1. Bachelor degree or equivalent
- 2. Master degree or equivalent
- 3. Doctoral degree or equivalent
- 4. Other (Please specify) _____

3. My highest professional qualification is:

4. My main current profession is:

- 2512 Medical Imaging Professional
- 2514 Optometrists and Orthoptist
- 2515 Pharmacist
- 2523 Dental Practitioner

- 2531 Generalist Medical Practitioner
- 2532 Anaesthetist
- 2533 Internal Medicine Specialist
- 2534 Psychiatrist
- 2535 Surgeon
- 9999 Other (Please specify) _____

5. Number of years I have been working in the health profession: _____

6. Please rate the importance of the following motives in your choosing a health professional career?

	Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Not Sure	Somewhat Unimportant	Completely Unimportant	
	←-----			-----→		
Academic success at school	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job security	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
High income	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
High status of the profession	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest in people	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life-long learning	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life style	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parental Influence	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional or career challenges		5	4	3	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Wide range of job opportunities	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Motives (Please specify) -----						<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Looking back at your career choice, do you think that you have chosen the right profession?

5. Definitely YES 4. Probably Yes 3. Not Sure 2. Probably No 1. Definitely NO

If possible, please explain why: _____

- 6. Most probably Yes
- 7. Undoubtedly Yes (Ethnicity is an issue)

NETWORKS

14. What is the ethnic background of most of your professional networks?

- 1. Ethnicity is not relevant
- 2. Mostly Anglo-Celtic-Irish Australian
- 3. Mostly Other Asian-Australians
- 4. Mostly Australians of other minority ethnic backgrounds
- 5. Mostly Chinese-Australian

15. What is the ethnic background of most of your personal friendship networks?

- 1. Ethnicity is not relevant
- 2. Mostly Anglo-Celtic-Irish Australian
- 3. Mostly Other Asian Australians
- 4. Mostly Australians of other ethnic minority backgrounds
- 5. Mostly Chinese-Australian

16. Do you belong to a Chinese cultural/community association?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

17. Do you have professional links with counterparts overseas?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

If YES, which countries do you have links with?

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONS

18. Do you think there is room for Chinese-Australian health professionals to make a greater contribution to the Australian health professions? How do you think this can be achieved?

19. Please name three Chinese-Australian health professionals either in practice, administration, teaching, research, or other fields that you believe have made the greatest contributions to the profession in Australia.

Name	Contribution
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

20. My Place of Birth is:

- 01. Australia
- 02. China Mainland
- 03. Hong Kong
- 04. Indonesia
- 05. Malaysia
- 06. Singapore
- 07. Taiwan
- 08. Vietnam
- 09. Other (Please specify) -----

22. If BORN OVERSEAS, in which year did you migrate to Australia?

23. What was the main reason that led you to migrate to Australia?

21. My parents' birthplace was

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Australia	01	01
China Mainland	02	02
Hong Kong	03	03

27. Do you think that being a person of Chinese descent gives you personal or professional attributes that make you a better health professional?

5. Definitely YES 4. Probably Yes 3. Not Sure 2. Probably No 1. Definitely NO

Why do you think so?

28. Finally, we welcome your comments on any issues/aspects concerning Chinese-Australians in the health professions, or about this survey.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS SURVEY

This is a **confidential** survey and no personally identifiable information is required. However, if you would like to know more about the study's findings, please feel free to e-mail either of the two investigators at kee@apu.ac.jp (also keepookong@gmail.com) or Chooihon.Ho@adm.monash.edu.au. Alternatively, you may leave your e-mail address below for a summary of the findings to be sent to you.

E-mail address: _____

RETURNING YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE

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