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Health Level Seven Announces Newest Affiliate—HL7 Singapore

HL7 Singapore launch affirms Singapore's commitment to promote and adopt leading specifications for healthcare data exchange.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., USA / SINGAPORE, Singapore — June 27, 2008—Health Level Seven (HL7), a preeminent developer of global healthcare standards, today announced the addition of HL7 Singapore to its growing number of affiliates. HL7 Singapore was officially launched at a half-day networking and information exchange event. Presentations were given by Fong Choon Khin, chair of HL7 Singapore; Sarah Christine Muttitt, MD, CIO of MOH Holdings Singapore; and Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD, CEO of HL7, Inc.

HL7 affiliates are a critical component of the increasing global scope and orientation of the HL7 family of standards. "For more than two decades, the significant technical achievements and broad global implementation of Health Level Seven standards have been predicated on the contributions of affiliate members from around the world," said Dr. Jaffe. "The skills of many individuals in Singapore bring an invaluable addition to the leadership in the healthcare IT community, to the rapid growth of expertise of the Southeast Asian realm, and to our global standards organization. The executive leadership, the Chairman and the Board of Directors of HL7 welcome Singapore to its family."

Hospitals and various healthcare organizations in Singapore are increasingly implementing new technologies in their operations. "There is a need to ensure these different IT systems work synergistically to optimize workflow, minimize ambiguity and reduce redundancy in processes, thus achieving process, semantic and technical interoperability," said HL7

Singapore Chair Fong Choon Khin. "Through HL7 Singapore, we hope to actively engage local healthcare users, providers and product suppliers in adopting a common set of standards for healthcare systems that will bring about seamless exchange of information such as administrative and clinical data, which goes a long way in enhancing patient care delivery across the care continuum."

Like HL7, Inc., HL7 Singapore is an open, not-for-profit and consensus-based organization. HL7 Singapore has a three-fold mission for the Singapore healthcare industry:

- To support the development, promotion and implementation of HL7 standards in ways which meet the needs of healthcare organizations, healthcare professionals and healthcare IT practitioners in Singapore;
- To match Singapore's national requirement with HL7 standards, and if necessary, develop Singapore-specific messages, profiles and implementation guides; and
- To educate the Singapore community and healthcare IT practitioners about HL7 standards, as well as to promote effective and consistent implementation of HL7 standards.

"HL7 will be critical to achieving our vision of one Singaporean – one electronic health record. Interoperability and standardization are fundamental to ensure health information can be successfully shared across our health system to improve the quality and safety of healthcare," said Dr. Sarah Christine Muttitt, CIO of MOH Holdings. "We are proud to participate in the HL7 initiative and look forward to collaboration with other HL7 affiliates worldwide to advance the interoperability of electronic health records."

In addition to the membership recruitment drive that begins today, HL7 Singapore is offering its first technical training course to develop skills for the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) and Continuity of Care Document (CCD). Registration and program details will soon be available at <http://www.hl7.org.sg>

About HL7

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven, Inc. (www.HL7.org) is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing standards for interoperability that improve care delivery, optimize workflow, reduce ambiguity and enhance knowledge transfer among all of our stakeholders, including healthcare providers, government agencies, the vendor community, fellow SDOs and patients. HL7's more than

2,300 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, which includes more than 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare.

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Numerous HL7 Affiliates have been established around the globe including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

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