

Formation of the Society

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In the early 60's ophthalmology as a subspecialty was developing rapidly and there was already a training programme for those doctors wishing to specialize in this field, ensuring growth in numbers in this field and it was felt that a structured organization which would include those practicing ophthalmology, both in private as well as public sectors or undergoing training in the subject, or interested in this specialty, as well as those in related fields, e.g. optometrists , orthoptists and trained nurses would have a definite place in the practices of medicine in Singapore. As I was already in the practices of medicine in Singapore Medical Association - in 1962/63, it was left to me to organize this and I established a Society of Ophthalmology of the Singapore Medical Association in January 1963 with the expressed purpose of promoting the development of Ophthalmology in Singapore and to liase with similar bodies in other countries. I was elected its Founder President and Dr Arthur Lim was its first Secretary at its inaugural meeting on Jan 11 1963. The activities of Society have grown with the 30 years it has been in existence and I am delighted that in its welfare continue to be fuelled by its younger members.