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## A NEW ERA



My warmest wishes to all Diabetes Singapore members and readers this exciting new year. On behalf of our Management Committee and the Editorial team, I am very pleased to announce that the Diabetic Society of Singapore has just changed its name to Diabetes Singapore and we have a fresh new logo, too.

We have adapted the diabetes blue circle symbol to create the letter “d” which stands for diabetes and incorporated our “Little Red Dot”—that is Singapore.

The circle is a symbol of unbreakable unity which brings us closer to the International Diabetes community. The solid and strong lowercase letter “d” with soft edges represents friendliness, empathy and care-giving. The bright youthful colours symbolise the fullness of life. The diabetes blue circle also reflects the sky, representing mother earth and health.

The logo is a modern representation of the society’s aims far into the future. We are in the midst of introducing a revamped website with booking and payment functions for several activities to serve members and the public. We are also looking into replacing the current mobile clinic with newer facilities and layout by 2019. All centres will be updated with new IT hardware and software for better management and control of data and resources more efficiently and economically.

On this note, I wish our Chinese members a prosperous and healthy Lunar New Year. Eat wisely and step up your exercise to keep fit and be joyful always.  
祝贺大家，新年快乐！

Mr Yong Chiang Boon  
President  
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On 25 September 1971, Dr Frederick Tan Bock Yam founded the Diabetic Society of Singapore (DSS) to help diabetes patients manage their condition. On 1 January 2018, DSS officially changed its name to Diabetes Singapore.

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