

## Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



## PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION Resolution No. <u>1271</u> Series of 2020

## ADMISSION OF MR. MADAN THIRUNAVUKARASU TO TAKE THE PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION

**WHEREAS,** Section 9 of Republic Act 8981, otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", provides that the Professional Regulatory Boards shall have the power to regulate the practice of the profession in accordance with the provisions of their respective professional regulatory laws;

**WHEREAS,** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 2382, otherwise known as "The Medical Act of 1959", provides that no person shall engage in the practice of medicine in the Philippines unless he is at least twenty-one years of age, has satisfactorily passed the corresponding Board of Examination and is a holder of a valid Certificate of Registration duly issued to him by the Board of Medical Examiners (*now Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine*);

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 (1) of the same, provides that a candidate for Board Examination shall be a citizen of the Philippines or a citizen of any foreign country who has submitted competent and conclusive documentary evidence, confirmed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, showing that his country's existing laws permit citizens of the Philippines to practice medicine under the same rules and regulations governing citizens thereof;

**WHEREAS,** item III (A.1) of Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Memorandum Order No. 03, series of 2016, further provides that "A foreign national shall be admitted to the professional licensure examination and be issued a COR and PIC, if he/she can establish to the satisfaction of the Board concerned and the Commission that there exists reciprocity for the practice of the profession between the Philippines and his/her state or country";

**WHEREAS**, reciprocity is established if the following conditions are met: (1) the requirements for the registration or licensing in the foreign state or country are substantially the same as those required and contemplated by the laws of the Philippines; and (2) the laws of such foreign state or country allows a citizen of the Philippines to practice the profession on the same basis and grant the same privileges as those enjoyed by the subjects or citizens of such foreign state or country;

**WHEREAS,** in the case of *Board of Medicine v. Yasuyuki Ota* (GR. No. 166097, 14 July 2008), the Supreme Court stated that "*it is enough that the laws in the foreign country permit a Filipino to get license and practice therein*";

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Madan Thirunavukarasu (*applicant*), a Malaysian national and a graduate of Medicine at Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc. on 17 December 2017requested PRC and the Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine (Board) for him to be allowed to take the Physician Licensure Examination;

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submitted several documentary requirements which included the following: (1)

Endorsement Letter of Vice-Consul Abdul RahmanAdun confirming that the Malaysian Medical Council allows and continues to allow foreigners to attain their medical license and practice in Malaysia by allowing them to take the Malaysia Medical Licensure Examination; (2) Malaysian Medical Act 1971; (3) Confirmation letter from Chief Executive Officer Dato' Dr. MohdKhairi Bin Yakub of Malaysian Medical Council;

**IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING,** the Board has **RESOLVED**, as it so **RESOLVES**, to affirm the existence of reciprocity on the practice of medicine between the Philippines and the applicant's country.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, **MR. MADAN THIRUNAVUKARASU** is hereby allowed to take the Physician Licensure Examination after complying the necessary documentary requirements.

Done this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 in the City of Manila, Philippines.

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