



## Flu Pandemic Drill



On 21 Jun 2006, a multi-agency exercise, codenamed SPARROWHAWK II, was held at the Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal to prepare Singapore for the threat of a flu pandemic. The exercise was led by the Ministry of Health (MOH) to test and fine-tune the Flu Pandemic Readiness and Response Plan at various levels among key government agencies as well as public and private healthcare institutions.

SCCPL assisted in the execution of this exercise which includes the management of imported cases as well as the implementation of contact tracing procedures and infection control protocols at immigration checkpoints. To inject realism into the exercise, polytechnic students were involved in the simulation as well. The following scenario was enacted: a ferry arrived at Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal with a sick passenger on-board. The patient was then immediately isolated and taken to Tan Tock Seng Hospital whereas those sitting near him were asked to provide their particulars in event that contact tracing is necessary.

Mr Lim Boon Wee, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Transport (MOT) and Capt Muhammad Segar, of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) were onsite at Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal to observe the exercise.