

## **Annex C – Spokesperson’s quotes**

**Reagan Chan, Team ASSURE’s representative** said, “With many Singaporean families away from home during the day, there is a growing need for reliable and proactive health monitoring for seniors. Existing solutions on the market are not as connected or responsive to medical needs. Our innovation aims to close this gap with a voice-enabled companion that checks in daily, captures symptoms in multiple dialects, including Singlish, and alerts caregivers before conditions worsen. We hope to prototype this life-changing solution within a year.”

**Professor James Pang, Co-Director of the NUS Business Analytics Centre,** said, “Chronic disease is one of the most pressing challenges facing Singapore. It has been inspiring to see young innovators respond with solutions that are technically rigorous and genuinely human-centred. We hope this Challenge has given students a window into the meaningful role AI can play in shaping healthier lives for all Singaporeans.”

**Alan Goh, Assistant Chief Executive at Synapxe** says, “Partnerships like these reflect how cross-sector collaboration can bridge real-world healthcare needs with emerging AI talent, giving students a safe platform to turn their innovative ideas to action. These student-led innovations bring fresh perspectives and bold ideas that could improve lives and the diverse solutions presented at the Finals reflect their immense creativity. Choosing the winners was difficult as each finalist demonstrated strong technical rigor and a clear understanding of patient needs, precisely the kind of patient-centred thinking Synapxe prioritises to ensure technology helps healthcare workers deliver better outcomes for patients.”

**Dr Lawrence Wee, Director for Business & Ecosystems, BizTech Group, IMDA,** said, “Our students leveraged homegrown AI models, SEA-LION and MERaLiON, that understand local languages and culture to solve real problems, from early detection of cognitive decline, to helping elderly heart patients recover at home. Through the National Multimodal Large Language Model Programme, IMDA is growing a strong ecosystem of industry partners and innovators, translating SEA-LION and MERaLiON into impactful solutions that truly serve Singapore and the region.”