Statement by the United States Embassy in Singapore
Regarding the Finding of the Coroner’s Inquiry on the Death of Shane Todd

July 8, 2013

The death of Dr. Shane Todd in June 2012 was a profound loss for his family, friends, and colleagues, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to them.

In accordance with Singapore law, a coroner’s inquiry was conducted to determine the cause of Dr. Todd’s death. The findings from that inquiry were released today. Officers from the Embassy attended the entire hearing and were with the Todd family during their time in Singapore. Ambassador Adelman met with the Todd family in December 2012 and May 2013. The coroner heard testimony from a wide range of witnesses in open court and received evidence in the form of written statements and records. The Todd family was given the opportunity to participate in the hearing and was represented by experienced Singapore legal counsel.

The inquiry into Dr. Todd’s death was comprehensive, fair, and transparent.

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