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# Greetings from the PPSMMA

Since PPSMMA represents all the doctors from the private sector with many contentious issues, it is prudent to have two representatives from PPS at any meetings with the relevant authorities. I must thank Hon. General Secretary Dr Ravi Naidu and the current MMA ExCo Members who are very accommodative of our request.

MMA President, Dr Ashok's speech at the launch of the "Malaysian Medical Association 55 Years" book was very apt and has touched on pertinent issues faced by the medical fraternity at large and more specifically the patients. MMA is still regarded as the number one association that represents the doctors. The Hon. Prime Minister in his speech also mentioned that he has not forgotten about the land that he had promised MMA, and will certainly help.

We were very pleased to get a prompt appointment for a courtesy call and bring up the issues faced by the medical fraternity with the Director-General of Health (MoH), Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah. PPSMMA was represented by me and Hon. Secretary Dr Arasu. Various contentious issues like TPA/MCO/TPPA and clinic registration were brought up with Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham, and he has advised us to continue engaging with the relevant departments in the Ministry of Health. The controversial Pharmacy Bill was also brought up and Datuk Dr Noor Hisham promised that all stakeholders will be consulted before it is posted again in MoH for public feedback. We have promised that during our engagement, we will always place the interest of our patients first. Dr Ashok also discussed about doctors facing jail sentences for minor issues and the DG had promised to look into it and discuss further.

I had also asked the DG if the GPs would be allowed to admit patients in a 24-hour clinic to manage simple cases and dressing patients, which take up hospital beds as there is always a shortage in both the private and Government hospitals. He shot down the idea by saying that we would then need a hospital license. I had asked if we could operate with a nursing home license which would be easier to get but he said NO to that. I intend to continue exploring alternative options with him.

PPS ExCos are meeting up again on 2nd August and we will discuss with all the PPS state chairmen on issues and activities. We are still waiting for our appointment that we have asked the National Secretary to write and invite the pharmaceutical department, associations and FOMEMA for a round table meet.

We shall update you about our progress in the upcoming Berita issues.