

# Accept Posts, MMA Tells 200 Doctors Refusing Sarawak Posts

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Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) president Dr Muruga Raj Rajathurai. Picture from MMA.

We refer to [media reports published on 18th July](#) on the 200 doctors refusing posts in Sarawak.

The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) urges the doctors concerned to accept the offer and report to work there.

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We could not agree more that Sarawak is in need of more doctors.

However, we urge the Ministry of Health (MOH) to also take into consideration appeals made by doctors with valid reasons for not accepting the post.

Two hundred doctors, or 25 per cent, is a high rejection rate. However, we view the 75 per cent (600 doctors) accepting their posts as encouraging news.

The MMA takes note of these efforts by the MOH and the Public Service Department (JPA) in creating these posts and welcomes the move.

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