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At Least 2,000 M'sian Doctors Become Jobless Annually, Here's Why



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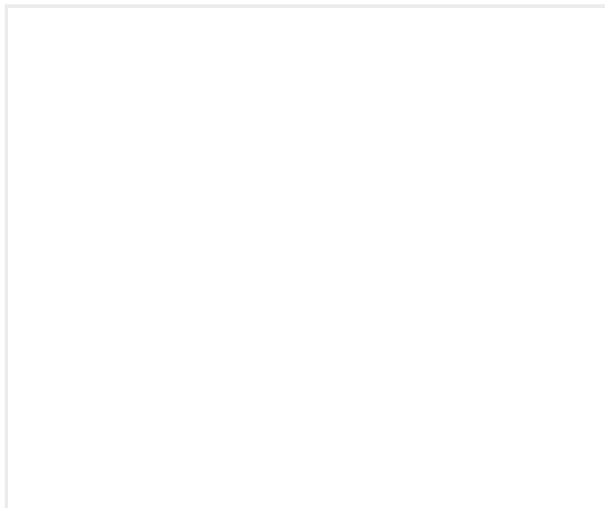
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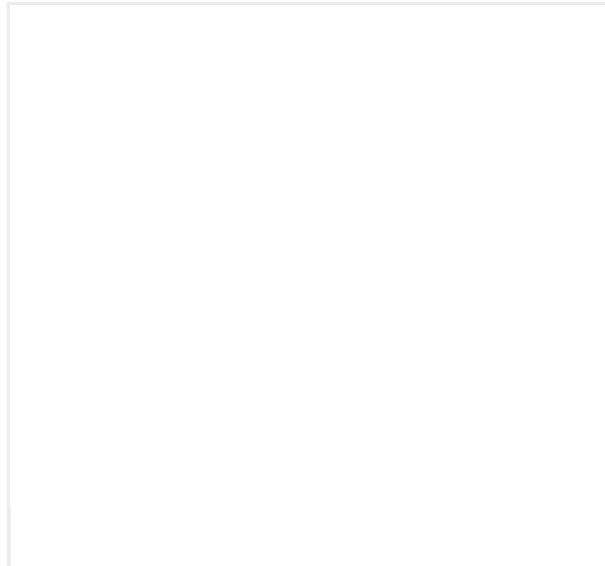
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The oversupply of medical doctors in Malaysia has long been an issue in our country. It is up to the government to come up with a new plan because the current one is just a temporary solution.

Earlier this year, the Health Ministry has started **offering jobs to medical graduates** on a contract basis to provide them with adequate training and reduce their waiting time for housemanship.

Under this arrangement, the young budding doctors will serve two years of housemanship at government hospitals. Upon completion, they'd be absorbed into government hospitals as medical officers for another two years.



Source: [Sky Scrapper City](#)

However, at the end of the contract, only half of the young doctors will be offered positions at government hospitals, meaning the other half of them will have to job-

reported by [Sin Chew](#).

It was estimated that **at least 2,000 doctors will be out of job every year** because contracts have ended, according to the president of Malaysian Medical Association Ravindran.

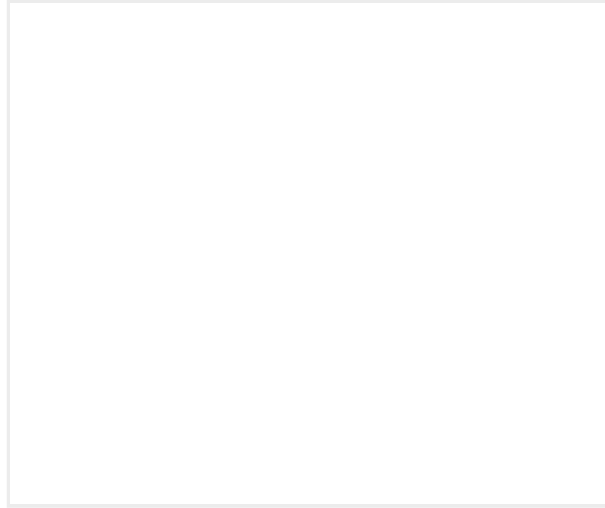
Besides, he also revealed that our country currently produces 4,000 medical graduates from local universities annually, with additional 1,000 medical graduates coming back from other countries.

It's difficult to place these 5,000 aspirational doctors at government hospitals for housemanship, which prompted the contract policy to be implemented. This problem is caused by the oversupply of medical graduates and also because 20 per cent of them failed to finish their training on time, Dr Ravindran said.



Source: [MMO](#)

The ones who are not offered a permanent job could seek opportunities at private hospitals, universities or even foreign countries.



Dr Ravindran also said that things weren't looking good for those who run their own either, as 500 clinics have closed down in just three years since 2015. The hike in cost and decreasing number of patient numbers have brought the clinics down to t

Besides, 1Malaysia clinics have become their main rival.

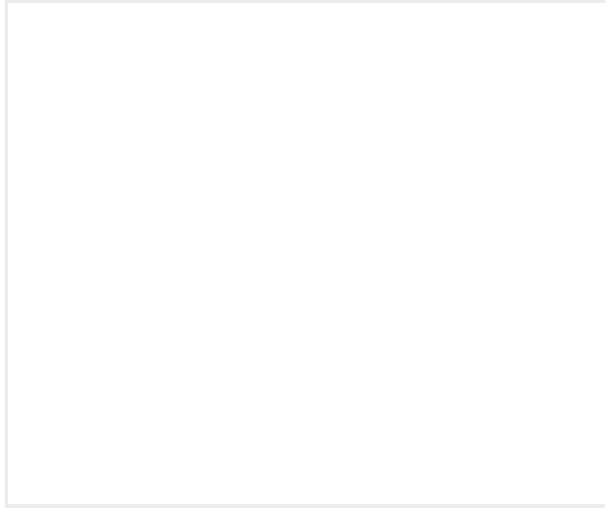


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Some doctors have resorted to working part time at other clinics after their own on down. Meanwhile, a few have even left the profession!

Let's hope the Health Ministry will be able to quickly come up with a better plan to problem permanently. Stay strong, young doctors!

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