

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear esteemed colleagues, wishing you well in the month of May.

As mentioned in my earlier message, there are many activities and meetings to attend in my capacity as MMA President, and here, I will mention a few.

Together with Dr Gunalan Palari Arumugam, Committee Member of the task force under PPSMMA (Medicolegal and insurance issues), I attended the launch of the Malaysian International Mediation Centre (MIMC).



(L-R) Dr Gunalan, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun, Dr Azizan

I also attended the 25th Anniversary of MIMC on 12 January 2024, officiated by YAA Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, the first woman Chief Justice of Malaysia, at the Bar Council office in KL.

The keynote remarks were given by The Hon'ble Justice Surya Kant, Judge of the Supreme Court of India. As we know, mediation offers a confidential, cost-effective and time-efficient way to resolve medicolegal disputes while preserving professional relationships and providing parties with control over the outcome.

Its collaborative nature not only reduces the adversarial tension typically associated with legal disputes, but also promotes a culture of understanding and mutual respect within the healthcare industry.

Nothing Without Us

On 17 January 2024, I attended a full day workshop at PAUM Clubhouse, UM entitled "Nothing Without Us – Together to Improve Access to Affordable Cancer Care in Malaysia".

The objectives were:

1 Capacity building to improve knowledge on access to cancer care, specifically into understanding gaps and processes.

2 Cross and interdisciplinary networking.



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Prof Dr Nur Aishah Mohd Taib

The welcoming speech was by Prof Dr Nur Aishah Mohd Taib; she is the Head of UMCRI (UM Cancer Research Institute) and President of TAC (Together Against Cancer).

A few cancer patients from various backgrounds also shared the challenges they faced in getting treatment and social support throughout their cancer treatment journey. Possible solutions were discussed by attendees with the experts on this matter.

On 19 January 2024, PERDIM EXCO members visited MMA House for a hybrid courtesy visit with our Exco members to discuss on mutual issues, and build a better relationship and understanding in addressing national health issues.

Leadership With Impact

SCHOMOS co-organised a leadership course with MMA. This idea came from MMA member, Dr Muhammad Shauqi, Hospital Director of Hospital Pendang, who is also the Organising Chairman. The leadership course, entitled "Leading With Impact", was held from 27-28 January 2024 at Armada Hotel, PJ.

It was attended by SCHOMOS and MMA Exco, together with MOH MDHMS (Malaysian Doctor Healthcare Management Society) members, most of whom are hospital directors throughout Malaysia. The event was officiated by YBHG Dato' Sri Norazman Ayob, (Deputy Secretary-General (Finance), MOH), who gave an inspiring speech.

In my welcoming speech, I mentioned that leadership is crucial in healthcare and every facet of our lives. In healthcare, where lives are at stake and the well-being of individuals is paramount, effective leadership becomes essential!

Healthcare is a complex and dynamic field. It requires a delicate balance of technical expertise, compassion and the ability to navigate an ever-changing landscape. In this environment, a true leader stands out, guiding their team with a vision that goes beyond the immediate challenges.

A leader in healthcare not only leads by example but also fosters a culture of continuous learning



(L-R) Dr Shauqi, Dr Muhd Yusof Sibert (MDHMS President), Dr Azizan (MMA President), YBhg Dato' Sri Norazman Ayob, and a participant

within the team. Effective leaders in healthcare possess the ability to communicate clearly and empathetically.

Other factors like emotional intelligence, interdisciplinary collaboration, adaptability and ethical leadership were all addressed in this leadership course.

This event by MMA was a stepping stone to a better collaboration and understanding between MMA members and the public hospital directors.

Till the next month's Berita issue, take care and be an effective leader in everything that you do in life!
Thank you.