

President's Message

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can't believe that we are in the month of July. With around two months left, I am racing against time to finish achieving my target. Exco and council members are also racing against time to finish up our lined-up programmes.

On 1 June, I attended the "Perasmian Program Saringan Perkeso", which was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Human Resource Ministry.

On 9 June, I was happy to give the welcome speech at our MMA Congress at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. We had good attendance, and many expressed their positive feedback about the Congress. They were thankful because of the CPD points that were given over the three days which was



Opening speech at MMA Congress

sufficient to renew their next APC.

It may seem like a small issue, but many had bad experiences with their points this year. When it was time to renew their APC, juniors and seniors faced the problem of being short of points. Believe me, some were short of one or two points, but some were short of all twenty points. MMA stepped in and after negotiations with MMC, we were first told to hold a physical seminar but again we put our foot down and insisted on a virtual seminar and helped our friends to renew their APC. Even after this, there were some who did not use the opportunity and came back to us again with a shortage of points. Remember that next year, MMC has warned that they will not allow special seminars after the last date





MSQH AGM

On the same afternoon, I had to attend the MSQH AGM in PJ as I am holding the Vice President post which represents MMA's position. If there are any GP clinic that wants an MSQH certification, MSQH is willing to give it free for the first ten clinics.

On 10 June, I had the privilege of giving the opening speech for the Ultrasound workshop at our MMA congress, again it was very beneficial for all the participants. I was only able to join the workshop for an hour and then had to leave to SMMAMS's 1st National General Assembly. I gave them my opening speech and expressed our continuous support for our students' team. Our SMMAMS membership has doubled in the last year. SMMAMS has proven to be active in Malaysia and overseas.

On 12 June, we had an invitation to attend the Czech Republic medical device Business Forum. They are one of the largest hospital beds and hospital equipment exporters in the world. I met with the Second Deputy Minister from the Czech Republic's Ministry for Trade.

On 14 June, I attended a Focus Discussion Group organised by the Higher Education Ministry and UTM to discuss 'Perlindungan Data Kesihatan Dalam Pemakaian Teknologi Data Raya Di Malaysia". We had a chance to discuss and network with others and I gained a lot of insights about this. I was happy to be part of this group



With the Czech Republic Deputy Minister

and contribute to this discussion.

On 15 June, I attended a meeting at the Ministry of Health, chaired by our new Director-General of Health at the 'Mesyuarat Majlis Penilaian Teknoloji Kesihatan dan Panduan Amalan Klinikal'. A few new CPGs were discussed, and I learned a lot from this meeting.



Speaking at the Graduation ceremony of the class of 2023 in the Medical University of Warsaw, Poland

I was invited by the Medical University of Warsaw, Poland to speak at the Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2023. It was a real honour and privilege for me to be the first few to address the new graduates as doctors and welcome them to the world of healthcare. especially when two of my children graduated on the same day. It was nice to hear them call me out as the President of the Malaysian Medical Association and also the President of the Commonwealth Medical Association. There are many Malaysians studying medicine in Poland.

I was invited for lunch with Madam Ambassador Dato Chitra, ambassador for Poland and Ukraine. It was again an honour for me and my family. I ended the month with a meeting and workshop with MITI on 28 June to launch their Dialogue Management System.

We have also asked the Ministry of Health to retract their statement on public doctors' salary which is wrong and unprofessional. I will be giving a press statement again with other medical associations soon.

This is all for this month and I will definitely update all of you next month on our activities.

Selamat Hari Raya Haji to all my Muslim Friends. BMMA