



# President's Message

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Greetings from the President's Desk.

I have come to the last month of my term as a President of MMA. To be honest, it was an interesting journey so far with many meetings, negotiations, arguments as well as lots of travels. This whole one-year term was definitely an adrenaline rush year for me. I will definitely miss the role as the President of MMA. It is not an easy task, but it has given me an enormous experience that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

I have made good friends from all corners of Malaysia. I am also sitting as the President of the Commonwealth of Medical Association, a platform that was possible because of MMA. Thank you, MMA.

I was occupied in the month of July I trying to finish off whatever pending work that I have.

I attended the *Mesyuarat Majlis Keselamatan Pesakit* and many issues were discussed including meeting up with many healthcare heavyweights.



With MMA  
friends at BIM

I had the pleasure of visiting UNISHAMS in Kedah to speak to the medical students there. I also had the opportunity to speak to students in Negeri Sembilan. MMA Negeri Sembilan had organised a meet and greet session with a few medical schools. We have doubled our student membership in the last one year.

I attended the International Law Conference representing MMA and had the chance of meeting up with PMX. I had a few minutes to highlight to him the issues that healthcare is facing. It was an honor for me to have met YAB Dato Sri Anwar.



With PMX

Consequently, I had the chance to meet PMX again as a representative at the Belanjawan 2024 meeting where I raised the importance of a budget that should be at least 6-7% of the GDP. I had mentioned that if we continue to have a budget of about 2%, we will not be able to carry out the Reforms that are mentioned in the Health White Paper that was passed in Parliament. I spoke about the importance of the budget to achieve Universal Health coverage where everyone including rural or urban, rich or poor must obtain equal access to healthcare. PMX and Deputy Finance Minister, Datuk Ahmad Maslan both mentioned to me that I had raised good points regarding it.

Additionally, I attended the UMSC appreciation Dinner where UMSC was established to plug the brain drain from PPUM. Today they are already building another new hospital which will be ready by 2026. How I wish they could do the same for all our general hospitals.

This year, we organised our CSR programme again which is the Speda Amal Borneo 2023. Twenty cyclists rode 700km from Kuching to Bintulu to raise funds for ROSE foundation, a body that raises funds and at the same time raises awareness along the routes. About 600 women were screened for cervical cancer and we had raised about RM200,000 so far. Donations are still open till 31 August. I must thank Dr Timothy and his teams for all the hard work they put in to organise the event. A great thanks to our cyclists, volunteers, officials, sponsors, and donors.

We had the 19th midterm MASEAN meeting in Singapore where a few of us from MMA EXCO attended the meeting. I had to rush back to attend the graduation event at the Manipal University College Malaysia.



MASEAN meeting



Majlis Pelancaran MADANI

I must thank Prof Datuk Lekhraj for the work done at the International Conference for Authors, Reviewers and Editors as well as the group of journals that he organised at Universiti Putra Malaysia. What an amazing work done by him. Many delegates conveyed their appreciation for the conference. Thank you, Prof.

MMA also sponsored one table for the dinner at the Balai Ikhtisas for the Malaysia Annual Dinner. A lovely dinner and we all had a good time there. Our past president Prof Dato Dr NKS Tharmaseelan was awarded the certificate of appreciation for his contributions.

I had the pleasure of meeting PMX again in Majlis Pelancaran Memperkasa Ekonomi Madani.

We are still waiting for the government to announce the increment that will be given for our Fomema fees. Soon for sure.

Till I see you all at the AGM next month in Kota Kinabalu Sabah, God bless. **BMMA**