



Inside Dewan Bunga Raya



Welcome to Dewan Bunga Raya



“Our renovated Dewan Bunga Raya is located on our rooftop and it looks brand new.”



Walk this way...

frankly, I agree with some of our members that the blue on our building needs to be painted over as it makes the building resemble a police station. But we will prioritise the upkeep and maintenance of the building for now.

I have given instructions for the team to list down all major defects of the building, as well as any issues in wiring and plumbing and we will work towards getting the repair work done as soon as we possibly can.

We will also ensure that any maintenance work required for our 1st floor will be done before we consider opening up the floor for a tenant.

I am also pleased to note that the contractors have done a great job renovating our Dewan Bunga Raya located on our rooftop. The room has been transformed and looks brand new. I wish to congratulate the team, especially Ram who worked hard to ensure quality workmanship. There are some minor touch-ups needed but I am sure the place will be ready for meetings in the near future.

Lastly, I am looking forward to more engagements with MOH on public-private collaborations. But this can only happen once the government views private healthcare as its partner or extension, in managing the health of the population. It should look to the wealth of resources and manpower almost immediately available to them through public-private collaboration.

It is encouraging to see our private GPs involved in the mass testing of foreign workers nationwide and we hope more details can soon be finalised on their involvement in vaccinating the population. I am confident, that with public healthcare teaming up with the private sector, the target to vaccinate 80% of our population can be achieved much earlier than planned.

These are some of the great examples of public-private partnerships. But I believe there is more to be explored and we need to start thinking beyond the pandemic.

Here's wishing all members a great month ahead. **BMMA**

A Word from the President

March was indeed a productive month as I was able to finally meet with Health Minister YB Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba and be physically present at MMA's head office to meet with our Exco on weekends.

In our meeting with YBMK and top MOH officials in Putrajaya, we discussed solutions to the various longstanding issues affecting our contract doctors as well as the role of GPs going forward in managing the pandemic. I wish to thank YB and his team for taking the time to meet with us and I look forward to more regular engagements.

We are indeed pleased that the ministry will be renewing the contracts of all MOs in the contract system that will soon be expiring for one year. YBMK had also given the assurance that MOH will look into the proposal for longer contracts to allow for specialisation. We will be closely following up on this so do look out for more updates.

We are also pleased to note that the harmonisation of UD41 with UD43 is already in the process. MMA wishes to thank YBMK for ensuring that this longstanding issue is being resolved.

In our meeting, we also discussed vaccinations for the GPs under the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme, private sector vaccinations, home monitoring of COVID-19 CAT 1 & 2 patients, the need for increased engagement between CDC and private sector, CKAPS as a one-stop centre, 7th Fee Schedule deregulation status and the proposal for GP pandemic partner clinics. Do look out for further updates from PPS.

Moving forward, I do hope that all GPs and their staff will soon be vaccinated as they are also frontliners in the fight against COVID-19 as we have highlighted in the media. I have been informed that there were issues in the system when submitting the names for vaccination. However, we do believe these issues are being ironed out.

As of 16 March, MMA had submitted 28,000 names consisting of doctors and staff from private healthcare. It is hoped there will be improved coordination between the state health department and the district health offices around the country.

It is understandable that there will be minor glitches along the way as this is the first time an immunisation programme on this scale is conducted in the country. MMA will ensure we play a supportive role in assisting government efforts towards the successful rollout of its programme.

In our recent EXCO meeting, we also discussed maintenance work needed for our MMA House and if we should give the building a new paintjob. Quite



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