Candidate for **President-Elect**



Dr Sivanaesan Letchumanan Malaysian Medical Association

Dear Members of the Malaysian Medical Association.

I am offering myself as a candidate for the position of **President-Elect** of our esteemed association in the upcoming election. My passion for medicine – pursued as my third academic degree – continues to drive my commitment to the values and mission of the MMA. Since my days as a medical student, I have remained actively involved in the association, contributing across various roles and capacities:

- MMA Perak Committee Member (2 terms)
- MMA Selangor Committee Member – currently serving
- MMA Selangor Chairperson (2 terms)
- PPS Vice Chairman (1 term)
- PPS Chairman (2 terms)
- Honorary Deputy Secretary (2022 present)

Beyond internal roles, I have represented the MMA in key national platforms:

- Chairman, Healthcare Sectorial Technical Committee, HRDCorp – leading upskilling strategies for the healthcare workforce
- Panel Member, Selangor Public Health Advisory Committee (SELPHAC) – advising on public health strategies
- Advisory Committee Member,
 Malaysian Adverse Drug Reactions
 Advisory Committee (MADRAC),
 Ministry of Health addressing
 pharmacovigilance and vaccine
 safety
- Dasar Ubat Negara, Member

My Vision for MMA: A Stronger Future, Together

If elected as your President-Elect, I will focus on five strategic priorities to strengthen and future-proof the Malaysian Medical Association.

1. Active Engagement in Health Policy

MMA must play a leading role in shaping national health policies. I will prioritise strong, continuous engagement with the Ministry of Health and other key authorities to ensure that our voices are heard and our concerns acted upon.

2. Active Recruitment & Membership Growth

We must actively engage and recruit junior doctors and medical students navigating a rapidly changing healthcare landscape. Their involvement is vital to secure MMA's future.

3. Digital Transformation

As Malaysia embraces electronic medical records and digital healthcare, MMA must take the lead in equipping our members with the skills and knowledge to stay ahead of the curve.

4. Leadership & Innovation

MMA must be a forward-thinking voice – advocating patient-first policies while championing clinical excellence, research, and innovation.

5. Member Wellness & Economic Support

Your well-being matters. I will prioritise initiatives that support our members' mental health, physical well-being, and financial stability – because a strong MMA begins with a strong membership.

As your current Honorary Deputy Secretary, I have worked hard to ensure that MMA remains **relevant**, **respected**, **and responsive**. I humbly seek your support to continue this work – anchored in **stability**, driven by **purpose**, and guided by our **shared values**.

Together, let's build a more vibrant, inclusive, and future-ready MMA.

Thank you for your trust and consideration.

Warm regards,

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