

MMA: More rural medical camps being planned to raise awareness

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THE Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) will organise more rural medical camps next year to raise health awareness among communities there.

MMA Johor chairman Datuk Dr Yap Ceong Cur said the programme would be conducted with the government's help because there was still a lot to do with the country transitioning to the endemic phase of Covid-19.

"This is one of our annual activities where we conduct healthcare intervention programmes for the needy.

"We previously ran rural medical camps in Kota Tinggi, Mersing and Pontian.

"Activities include free health screening, body mass index (BMI) and hypertension checks," he said when contacted.

Besides the rural medical camps, Dr Yap said MMA Johor also planned to help improve the knowledge of general practitioners (GP) through continuous medical education.

“Over the past two years, our GPs have been struggling because of the pandemic.

“We want to do something that would improve their quality of service,” he said, adding that the programmes would be conducted in collaboration with hospitals, medical consultants and pharmaceutical companies.

Dr Yap also shared MMA Johor’s plans to work with the government to resolve the issue of contract doctors.

“Malaysia produces around 5,000 housemen every year.

“Out of that number, between 500 and 600 would be posted to Johor.

“There are a lot of cases of contract doctors who have not been offered permanent posts.

“So we want to work with the government to resolve this matter,” he elaborated.

Dr Yap proposed that those who excelled in clinical practice be offered a Master of Medicine programme, enabling them to become specialists.

“We hope to get these initiatives implemented,” he said.