

MMA welcomes tougher regulations on beauty and aesthetic industry

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) welcomes the recent call by the Health Ministry for stricter regulations on the beauty and aesthetic industry.

MMA president Dr Koh Kar Chai said the scope of work of beauticians should be defined, as they were prohibited from carrying out surgical procedures.

"Medical doctors who provide aesthetic services in Malaysia need to obtain extra credentials," he said.

"However, we still hear of aesthetic surgical procedures being carried out by those claiming to be professionals in beauty centres or hotel rooms."

He said as many beauticians trained hard to be certified professionals, firm action needed to be taken against those who marred the beauty industry.

"The dental aesthetic industry has also made headlines recently as there are individuals and establishments offering training in dental procedures, with many dealing with the application of dental braces.

"Dental doctors undergo training for years before they are allowed to provide dental treatment, including orthodontic treatment. Professional assessment needs to be carried out before deciding on the course of treatment."

He said although these unqualified individuals offering dental procedures did not come across as dangerous, they could still harm their clients.

Yesterday, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin announced that the ministry would not compromise with those who were not certified to offer dental services following the launch of the Beauty and Health programme.

He said the ministry would step up enforcement to ensure that only certified dentists could offer dental services.

Khairy said dialogues would be held with the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry following an appeal from the beauty industry to allow some procedures, including laser treatments, to be conducted by beauticians.