

### PERSATUAN PERUBATAN MALAYSIA MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

# MINUTES OF THE 64<sup>TH</sup> MMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (HYBRID)

### **DATE & TIME**

DAY 1:6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024, FRIDAY (4 PM)

DAY 2: 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024, SATURDAY (9 AM)

### **VENUE**

RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL PUTERI WING, KUCHING, SARAWAK

### **ATTENDANCE**

### **JOHOR**

#### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Dr A. Selvarajoo A/L S. Andrum
- 2. Dr Bjinder Singh A/L Jagjit Singh
- 3. Dr Chandramohan A/L Valayutham
- 4. Dr Guruparan A/L S Rajalingam
- 5. Dr Hooi Lai Seong, Pis Ii
- 6. Dr Kanwal Nain Singh
- 7. Dr Logeswary A/P Thangarajah
- 8. Dr M.M.Smith A/L Muthu Manickam
- 9. Dr Muhammad Amirul Aizat Bin Esa
- 10. Dr Muruga Raj A/L Rajathurai
- 11. Dr Prabha @ Shanthi A/P Subramaniam
- 12. Dr Ramadass Selvakumar
- 13. Dr Rashpall Singh A/L Jagjit Singh
- 14. Dr Remash A/L Achuthan
- 15. Dr S Menaka Devi M Subramaniam
- 16. Dr Tan Zi Han
- 17. Dr Yow Kai Jie

### **KEDAH**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Dato' Dr Bavanandam Naidu A/L P Gopal
- 2. Dato' Dr Gunasaegaram Krishnan Chetty
- 3. Dr Annuar Husainy Hussein
- 4. Dr Bhaskaran A/L K Bhaskara Menon
- 5. Dr Edwin Jude A/L Gnanasegaran
- 6. Dr Husna Syakirah Binti Ab Rahman
- 7. Dr Kevin Raj A/L Selvarajah
- 8. Dr Khiritharan A/L Mannie Rajah
- 9. Dr Kumaraguru A/L Marivapen

- 10. Dr Muhamad Najmi Bin Rai
- 11. Dr Muhammad Shauqi B Abd Kadir
- 12. Dr Nadarajan A/L Saravana Nadar
- 13. Dr Nesamani A/P K S Vengadasalam
- 14. Dr Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan
- 15. Dr Sharmila Yaalni Gunnasandran
- 16. Dr Siti Farida Bt Masrif
- 17. Dr Sritharan Rao A/L Subbarao
- 18. Dr Thanusha Naidu Perabakaran
- 19. Dr Thiyagar A/L Nadarajaw
- 20. Dr Wan Mohd Zohdi Bin Wan Ismail

### **KELANTAN**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Dr Ezanee Bin Isahak
- 2. Dr Indira Dewi A/P K K Nair
- 3. Dr Loke Xi-Mun
- 4. Dr Long Tuan Mastazamin B Long Tuan Kechik
- 5. Dr Md Rizman Bin Md Lazin @ Md Lazim
- 6. Dr Mohamad Hafiz Bin Harun
- 7. Dr Mohd Nazri Bin Shafei
- 8. Dr Mohd Rahimie Sayutti
- 9. Dr Muhammad Bin Che Yaacob
- 10. Dr Nazeli Bt Hamzah
- 11. Dr Nik Syamim Firdaus Bin Nik Ahmad Zuky
- 12. Dr Norazhani Binti Nordin
- 13. Dr Nur Hasni Che Had
- 14. Dr Tuan Zamani Amir Tuan Zakaria
- 15. Dr Wan Nor Aina Ar-Mardiyah Wan Jeffery
- 16. Dr Yang Xiang Yun
- 17. Dr Zaitun Binti Zakaria

18. Mej (B) Dr Ahmad Filza Bin Ismail

### **MELAKA**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Brig Gen (Rtd) Datuk Dr N Rajagopal
- 2. Datin Dr Vasanthy Balasubramaniam
- 3. Datuk Dr Athimulam Nadason
- 4. Dr Ashok Zachariah Philip
- 5. Dr Gayathri A/P K.Kumarasuriar
- 6. Dr Koot Chiew Theen
- 7. Dr Lianne Alychia Hendriks
- 8. Dr Muhamad Shahriman Muhamad Shari
- 9. Dr Premah A/P A Munusamy
- 10. Dr Sivananthan A/L Periethamby
- 11. Dr Soh Yih Harng
- 12. Dr Suguna Venkataramulu L G Naidu
- 13. Prof Dr Jayakumar A/L Gurusamy

### **NEGERI SEMBILAN**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Dr Andrew A/L Solamadan
- 2. Dr Anu Suria A/P Ganason
- 3. Dr Gunenthira Rao A/L Subbarao
- 4. Dr Narvindaran A/L Mariappan
- 5. Dr Ravindran Ramasamy
- 6. Dr Selva Ganapathi A/L Ganeson
- 7. Dr Siti Rokiah Bt Kamarudin
- 8. Dr Sivandan Arunasalam

### **PAHANG**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

1. Datin Dr Gowri A/P Sundaram

- 2. Dr Annamalar A/P Thillai Nathan
- 3. Dr Khatrulnada Binti Md Saad
- 4. Dr Lee Chin Yen
- 5. Dr Nor Azlina A Rahman
- 6. Dr Sathyanathan A/L Thillai Nathan
- 7. Dr Thillainathan A/L T Pushpanathan
  - @ T Paspanadan

### **PENANG**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Dato' Dr Parmjit Singh A/L Kuldip Singh
- 2. Dato' Dr Ramasamy A/L Kandasamy
- 3. Dr Abdul Khalid Khan Bin Abdul Karim Khan
- 4. Dr Christopher Anthony
- 5. Dr Dineshchandra Hasmukhlal
- 6. Dr Divagar Varatha Raju
- 7. Dr Gurjeet Kaur A/P Chatar Singh
- 8. Dr Gurmit Kaur A/P Sardara Singh
- 9. Dr Jaianand J. Tejani
- 10. Dr Jayaraj A/L Nadarajan
- 11. Dr Jeyalakshmi Ratnavale
- 12. Dr Kalpana Sehgal A/P Paras Ram
- 13. Dr Kanthan Murugiah
- 14. Dr Peter Sathiyanathan A/L Michael John
- 15. Dr Prabhu A/L Ramasamy
- 16. Dr Radthiga Jayakamalam A/P Thiagarajan
- 17. Dr Saraswathi Bina Rai S.K Nagalingam
- 18. Dr Srikanthan Dato Saravanan
- 19. Dr Tan Kean Chye
- 20. Dr Taufik Mohamed Bin Shahjahan
- 21. Dr Teh Boon Teong
- 22. Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan

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### **PERAK**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Datin Dr Ramani Subramaniam
- 2. Dato' Dr Dato Dr Aruku Naidu Apana
- 3. Dr Alfred Samson Amaloo
- 4. Dr Elangovan A/L Subbiah, Amn
- 5. Dr Gayathri A/P Kathitasapathy
- 6. Dr Gregory A/L Joseph Xavier
- 7. Dr Haranatha Rao A/L Sri Ramalu
- 8. Dr Harvinder Singh A/L Dalip Singh, Amp
- 9. Dr Maniventhan A/L Nachimuthu
- 10. Dr Manoharan Kumaran
- 11. Dr Mohamed Sidek Bin Ali
- 12. Dr Monesh Pillai A/L Gopi
- 13. Dr Ng Kean Tee
- 14. Dr Preetvinder Singh A/L Dheer Singh
- 15. Dr Premananda Raja A/L Murugesu
- 16. Dr Puvaneswari Subramaniam
- 17. Dr Rajenthiren A/L V Sahadevan
- 18. Dr Ramneeta Kaur A/P Suarn Singh
- 19. Dr Ravindran R Naidu
- 20. Dr Selvan A/L Nallayan
- 21. Dr Shahrol Khairudzi B Abdul Rahim
- 22. Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam
- 23. Dr Sundram A/L Arumugam
- 24. Dr Sundrasan A/L Muthoo
- 25. Dr Suresh A/L Subramaniam
- 26. Dr Tan Chor Kheng
- 27. Mej Dr Jeyaratnam M Ratnavale
- 28. Prof Dato' Dr Subramaniam Muniandy

### **PERLIS**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

1. Dr Sathesh Kumar A/L Periyasamy

### SABAH

#### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Dr Au Yong Yim Mei
- 2. Dr Babu Baskar Periaswamy
- 3. Dr Baskaran A/L Subramanian
- 4. Dr Brandon Patrick Senagang
- 5. Dr Cedric Wee Jia Yih
- 6. Dr Charanjeet Singh A/L Isher Singh
- 7. Dr Fredie Robinson
- 8. Dr Harjit Singh A/L Gopal Singh
- 9. Dr Haslezah Binti Saelih
- 10. Dr Melven Witty Ugap
- 11. Dr Mohammad Illzam Elahee
- 12. Dr Pee Nai Eng
- 13. Dr Priyadarshi
- 14. Dr Shahnaz Irwani Sabri
- 15. Dr Shim Jyh Ye
- 16. Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
- 17. Lt Kol Dr Eugene Tan Choon Li
- 18. Prof Dr Kew Seih Teck

### **SARAWAK**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Assoc Prof Dr Kyi Kyi Win
- 2. Assoc Prof Dr Thomas Kana @ Kamarudin Bin Kana
- 3. Dato Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira

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- 4. Datuk Dr Anne Rachel John
- 5. Dr Abdul Rahaman Hj Pozan
- 6. Dr Aimir Bin Ma'rof
- 7. Dr Andy Tang Sing Ong
- 8. Dr Chan Wai Hoong
- 9. Dr Chew Keng Sheng
- 10. Dr Chia Boon Yang
- 11. Dr Cindy Bridget Teng Ping Ping
- 12. Dr Cyril Songan
- 13. Dr Desmond Samuel
- 14. Dr Goh Zhong Ning, Leonard
- 15. Dr Grace Lee Sik Lu
- 16. Dr James Tan Teck Lee
- 17. Dr Jasmine Kho Pei Ying
- 18. Dr John Yeo Hong Yan
- 19. Dr Joshua Taylor Thomas
- 20. Dr Khoo Chai Soon
- 21. Dr Kon Ka Hin
- 22. Dr Lam Chin Chyou
- 23. Dr Lau Bik Liang
- 24. Dr Liew Shan Fap
- 25. Dr Lim Joo Kiong
- 26. Dr Low Boon Tung
- 27. Dr Mark Jeevan Erudayam
- 28. Dr Michael Lau Syn Huat
- 29. Dr Morni Bin Abu Samat
- 30. Dr Nur Reza Mohd Noh
- 31. Dr Ong Eng-Joe
- 32. Dr Ong Geok Lui, Flora
- 33. Dr Poh Kuang Jih
- 34. Dr Prashand Kumar A/L Gunnasandran
- 35. Dr Safrina Bt Othman

- 36. Dr Sim Tong Aik
- 37. Dr Stella Weishan Anak Tekhee
- 38. Dr Tan Poh Tiang @ Tan Poh Tin
- 39. Dr Tan Shong Sheng
- 40. Dr Teh Siao Hean
- 41. Dr Tiong Tung Hui
- 42. Dr Vong Khim Soon
- 43. Dr Wong Ming Yew
- 44. Dr Wong May Sum
- 45. Dr Wong Shu Ngie
- 46. Dr Wong Siew Yu, Jack
- 47. Dr Wong Sii Hieng
- 48. Dr Wong Yi Shen
- 49. Dr Yau May Yann
- 50. Dr Yeap Kim Pey
- 51. Mej Dr (B)Slyvester Malina Ak Braoh

### **SELANGOR**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- Dato' Dr Maria Ithaya Rasan A/L Puspa Das, Dimp
- 2. Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran A/L Nadason@Darzin
- 3. Dr Amuthameena A/P Manoharan
- 4. Dr Arulnathan A/L Arokiasamy
- 5. Dr Benjamin Sinappan A/L Arulanandhu
- 6. Dr Chua Su Peng
- 7. Dr Edwin Leo Suppiah
- 8. Dr Gayathri Devi Ramanathan
- 9. Dr Gnana Kumar A/L P Gnanasuntharam
- 10. Dr Gurmit Singh A/L Attar Singh
- 11. Dr Ho Jim Huang, Edwin
- 12. Dr Irajabathi A/L Sethupathi
- 13. Dr Jaswant Singh A/L Polar Singh

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- 14. Dr Juliet Mathew
- 15. Dr June Lau Fei Wen
- 16. Dr Krishna Kumaran A/L A.Ramasamy
- 17. Dr Kulendran A/L Sivapragasam
- 18. Dr Mark Tan Kiak Min
- 19. Dr Mary Suma Cardosa
- 20. Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim
- 21. Dr Muhammad Aliff Imran Bin Noor Mohamed
- 22. Dr Muhammad Gowdh Muhammed Jaffar
- 23. Dr Premadeva Satkurunathan
- 24. Dr Raj Kumar A/L S Maharajah
- 25. Dr Rishi Varmaa
- 26. Dr Robinee A/P Panir Chelvam
- 27. Dr Sellappan A/L Palaniappan
- 28. Dr Sia Koon Ket
- 29. Dr Sivanaesan A/L Letchumanan
- 30. Dr Sivashanmuganathan Sagathavan
- 31. Dr Sunder A/L Ramasamy
- 32. Dr Thana Sehgaran Shanmugam
- 33. Dr Theyveeka Selvy A/P Rajoo @ Balusamy Radia
- 34. Dr Thum Chern Choong
- 35. Dr Varughese Koshy
- 36. Dr Vasanthan A/L Vajiravelu
- 37. Dr Vishalkumar Dalichand Jasani
- 38. Dr Zeenath Ameen
- 39. Mr Darrel Noel Lazarus
- 40. Mr Muhammad Haziq Mirza Bin Asrul
- 41. Prof Dr John George

### **TERENGGANU**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- Dato' Dr Syed Mohammad Salleh Bin Syed Yusof Alzawawi
- 2. Dr Ahmad Na'im Bin Mohamed Muslim
- 3. Dr Kartik A/L Kaliyana Sundaram
- 4. Dr Zaatil Iffah Binti Asmawi

### **WILAYAH**

### NO. NAME OF MEMBER

- 1. Assoc Prof Dr Murallitharan Munisamy
- 2. Datin Dr Siti Nabilah Mohamad
- 3. Datuk Dr Kathiresan Valliappa A/L P Valleappan
- 4. Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu A/L Rajoo
- 5. Dr Abdul Razak Mohammed
- 6. Dr Aw Tsung Wai
- 7. Dr Azizan Binti Abdul Aziz
- 8. Dr Balwant Singh A/L Partap Singh
- 9. Dr Chitra Banu A/P Krishnan
- 10. Dr Eratha Krishnan A/L Gobinadan
- 11. Dr Fazilah Abdul Ghani
- 12. Dr Ganasa Raj A/L J Shanmugam
- 13. Dr George John A/L K Thomas George
- 14. Dr Gokilavani Sekar Chandran
- 15. Dr Harttina Neena Binti Hatta
- 16. Dr Katheeja Alavi Bte Syed Alavi Thangal
- 17. Dr Koh Kar Chai
- 18. Dr Mohd Basil Bin Sulaiman
- 19. Dr N P Krishnan A/L K V Padmanabha Menon
- 20. Dr Norasrina Ishak
- 21. Dr Quek Kwang Leng, David
- 22. Dr Renuka Gunasagaran
- 23. Dr S. Selvarajah Sathaya
- 24. Dr Sanjiv Rampal A/L Lekhraj Rampal

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- 25. Dr Sarah-Jane Khong
- 26. Dr Saravanan A/L A.Santhirarajan
- 27. Kol Dr Gnanamalar A/P Gnanasundram
- 28. Maj Gen (R) Dato' Pahlawan Dr Mohanadas Ramasamy
- 29. Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal A/L Gyanchand Rampal
- 30. Prof Dr Hoe Chee Wai, Victor
- 31. Prof Dr Krishna Gopal Rampal
- 32. Prof Dr Retneswari A/P Masilamani S

- 1.1 The Honorary General Secretary (HGS) for 2023/2024, Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (W. Persekutuan), called the 64th Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) to order at 4:00 p.m. on September 6, 2024. He confirmed that a quorum was present and that the membership status of all delegates and members attending the AGM had been verified.
- 1.2 The House was requested to rise and observe a minute of silence in memory of the MMA members who had passed away since the 63rd MMA AGM.

NO.	NAME	DATE	BRANCH
1.	DR. SUNDRALINGAM S/O SELVARAJAH	10/10/2023	W. PERSEKUTUAN
2.	DATUK DR. TAN YAW KWANG	01/11/2023	SARAWAK
3.	DR. RAJA ZAINAL ABIDIN B RAJA MOHD HASHIM	07/11/2023	KEDAH
4.	DR. YONG KAM LENG	25/11/2023	NEGERI SEMBILAN
5.	TAN SRI DR. CHEN LIP KEONG	08/12/2023	SELANGOR
6.	DR. SUSEELADEVY A/P ARIARATNAM	30/12/2023	NEGERI SEMBILAN
7.	DR. BENJAMIN GEORGE	31/12/2023	W. PERSEKUTUAN
8.	DR. SHAHRIL NIZAM BIN ABDUL JALIL	01/01/2024	KELANTAN
9.	DR. ROSNIDA AZURA YUSOF	09/01/2024	PAHANG
10.	DR. SIVAPATHAM S/O THARMALINGAM	10/01/2024	NEGERI SEMBILAN
11.	DR. KOSHY THOMAS	17/01/2024	SELANGOR
12.	DATO DR. SINGARAVELOO S/O MUTHUSAMY	27/01/2024	JOHOR
13.	DR. HEE WAN JANG, HENRY	30/01/2024	PAHANG
14.	MEJ. DR. ANUPAMA RAVINDRAN	31/01/2024	NEGERI SEMBILAN
15.	DR. SHAARI BALAKRISHNA	08/02/2024	SELANGOR
16.	DR. KYAW MYINT KYAW	09/02/2024	SELANGOR
17.	DR. SUNITA BHAT UPPINANGADY	11/02/2024	SELANGOR
18.	EMERITUS PROF DATUK DR. ALEX DELILKAN	19/02/2024	SELANGOR
19.	MEJ (RTD) DR. CH'NG KIM LIANG	28/02/2024	SELANGOR
20.	DR. KRISHNAMURTHI A/L GANAPATHY	10/03/2024	NEGERI SEMBILAN
21.	DATO' DR. MOHAMMED FEIZAL BIN ABDULLAH	10/03/2024	SELANGOR
22.	KAPT (B) DR. RAGUNATH A/L SHANMUGAM	22/04/2024	W. PERSEKUTUAN
23.	DR. KANAGESVARAN THURAIAPPAH	02/06/2024	PENANG
24.	DR. BADHESHA JAGDEV SINGH	05/06/2024	SELANGOR
25.	DR. SANATHANAN A/L K. B MENON	20/06/2024	JOHOR
26.	MAJOR GENERAL DATUK (DR) CHIA LIP MENG (R)	22/06/2024	NEGERI SEMBILAN
27.	DR. SIVABALAN A/L SOMASUNDRAM R	25/06/2024	W. PERSEKUTUAN
28.	DR. YEO KEAT HIM, DAVID	30/06/2024	PERAK
29.	DR. DARSHAN KUMAR	18/07/2024	SELANGOR
30.	DR. A. P. VIJAYAN	28/07/2024	JOHOR
31.	DATUK DR. BRAHMA BALAKRISHNAN	11/08/2024	W. PERSEKUTUAN
32.	DATO' DR. THURAISINGHAM VETHEREDNAM	12/08/2024	W. PERSEKUTUAN

1.3 The HGS for 2023/2024 invited Dr. Azizan Binti Abdul Aziz (W. Persekutuan), President of the MMA for the 2023/2024 term, to deliver her welcome address. Dr. Azizan, the second female President in the 63-year history of the MMA, has been a tireless advocate for the wellbeing of doctors and healthcare workers. She is dedicated to addressing key issues such as contract doctors, healthcare reforms, and ensuring the highest standards of care throughout Malaysia.

1.4 Dr. Azizan warmly welcomed all attendees, both those present in person and those participating virtually. She expressed her sincere gratitude for their attendance at the 64th MMA AGM. Emphasizing her commitment to the well-being of doctors, patient care, and the provision of quality healthcare, Dr. Azizan encouraged all doctors, whether in the public or private sector, to continue delivering their best efforts in their work. She concluded by thanking everyone for their ongoing support.

For information.

### 2. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the 63rd MMA Annual General Meeting (2022/2023), held on September  $7^{th}$  &  $8^{th}$ , 2023, were duly received and adopted by the House.

Proposer: Dr. Selvarajah Sathaya (W. Persekutuan)

Seconder: Dr. Prabhu Ramasamy (Penang)

2.2 The Honorary General Secretary (HGS) for 2023/2024 read Clause 7 (1)(v) of the MMA Constitution, which states:

"Any member who wishes to raise any issues, queries, or comments about the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Annual Report, Accounts, or any other matters listed and not listed in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting, will need to submit his queries in writing to the Honorary General Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting. Any issues, queries, or comments not submitted to the Honorary General Secretary in writing as specified above will not be allowed during the Annual General Meeting".

It was confirmed that, as of the submission deadline, one amendment was received from Dr. Mohamed Namazie bin Ibrahim (Selangor) regarding Item 6 of the meeting minutes.

**Original Minutes:** 

**6.1** Dr. Mohamed Namazie bin Ibrahim (Selangor), Chairman of the MMA Ethics Committee 2022/2023, presented the Ethics Annual Report 2022/2023 to the members. The report was duly received and unanimously adopted by the House without amendments.

### **Amended Minutes:**

**6.1** Dr. Mohamed Namazie bin Ibrahim (Selangor), Chairman of the MMA Ethics Committee 2022/2023, presented the Ethics Annual Report 2022/2023 to the members. The report was duly received and unanimously adopted by the House without amendments. The Chairman also acknowledged the long service of the following Ethics Committee members:

- 1. Dr. Gunasegaran Balasundaram, who served on the Committee for 27 years.
- 2. Dato Dr. P. Vijaya Singham, who served for 17 years.

The Chairman recommended presenting Certificates of Appreciation to these two members for their dedicated service to the Ethics Committee.

**Remarks:** The amendment has been incorporated into the minutes.

For information.

- 3. TO CONFIRM THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS, I.E. TWO HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARIES. THE POST FOR THE PRESIDENT ELECT, HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY, AND HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER, WERE UNCONTESTED.
  - 3.1 The Chairman of the MMA Elections Committee 2023/2024, Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam (Melaka), announced the results of the elections. As of the closing date for nominations, the MMA received:
  - One (1) nomination for the post of President-Elect
  - One (1) nomination for the post of Honorary General Secretary
  - One (1) nomination for the post of Honorary General Treasurer
  - Three (3) nominations for the post of Honorary Deputy Secretaries.
  - 3.2 The following individuals were confirmed in their respective positions for the term 2024/2025:
  - **President-Elect:** Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (W. Persekutuan)
  - Honorary General Secretary: Dr. Vasu Pillai a/l Letchumanan (Penang)
  - Honorary General Treasurer: Dr. Arvindran a/l Alaga (Kedah)
  - Honorary Deputy Secretaries: Dr. Sivanaesan a/I Letchumanan (Selangor) and Dr. Sivabala a/I Selvaratnam (Perak).
  - 3.3 The House was informed that a total of 1,078 doctors voted via electronic voting for the post of Honorary Deputy Secretaries on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam expressed his disappointment at the low voter turnout, which accounted for only 6.3% of

the total eligible MMA membership. He noted that the MMA had invested significant resources in setting up the electronic voting system, including engaging a private company for a fee and ensuring the MMA IT Department is highly organized. Despite these efforts, the low voter participation remains a concern, and the reasons behind members' reluctance to vote are still unclear.

For information.

### 4. TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE YEAR PRECEDING.

- 4.1 The Honorary General Secretary (HGS) for 2023/2024 confirmed that no issues, queries, or comments had been received from the members by the submission deadline.
- 4.2 The HGS (2023/2024) presented a summary of the annual report, highlighting key developments and events during his tenure, including:
  - Growth in MMA membership and student memberships.
  - Formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on various matters.
  - Strengthening of the public relations and customer service department within the MMA.
  - Empowerment of the Chief Operating Officer to oversee all administrative matters.
  - Significant increase in media presence.
  - Active engagement through MMA's social media platforms.
  - Strengthening of MMA's relationship with indemnity providers, MPS and MEDEFEND.
  - Enhancements in the MMA Secretariat and improved staff benefits.
  - Growth in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) applications.
  - Improvements to the MMA Mobile Application.
  - Key meetings with the government and other medical associations.
  - MMA's vital role in international events.
  - MMA representatives holding key international positions:
    - ♣ Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka) as the World Medical Association (WMA) President-Elect,
    - ♣ Dr. Azizan Abdul Aziz (W. Persekutuan) as the Medical Association of Southeast Asian Nations (MASEAN) Chairman,
    - ♣ Dr. Muruga Raj a/l Rajathurai (Johor) as the Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA) President.
  - Adoption of resolutions from the previous AGM.
  - Significant progress on the renovation of the MMA Building.
- 4.3 The MMA Annual Report for 2023/2024 was unanimously received and adopted by the House.

**Proposer:** Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak) **Seconder:** Dr. Soh Yih Harng (Melaka)

- 5. TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR TOGETHER WITH REPORTS OF THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS AND THE BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR
  - 5.1 Report and Financial Statement 2023 were presented by Dr. Vasu Pillai, the Honorary General Treasurer (HGT) 2023/2024. He informed the House that this financial report had undergone auditing processes by both the Honorary Auditors and External Auditors and was duly approved by the 64<sup>th</sup> MMA Council.

### 5.1.1 Profit and Loss Account

The HGT (2023/2024) presented the slides below:

	2023	2022	%	
	Jan- Dec	Jan - Dec		
INCOME	9,484,516	9,565,000	0.8%	
EXPENSES	(6,451,651)	(6,382,852)	1.1%	
NET PROFIT	3,032,865	3,182,148	4.7%	
TAXATION	(1,100,809)	(970,761)		
NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	1,922,056	2,211,387	13.1%	

### 5.1.2 Significant Variance in MMA Income

The HGT (2023/2024) presented the slides below:

INCOME	2023	2022	Variance
Rental Income	1,054,072	816,600	Increase 29%
Fixed deposit Interest	214,384	123,866	Increase 73%
Berita Advertisement income (profit sharing)	90,830	42,559	Increase 113%
Income from Educational activities	1,028,131	1,304,904	Decrease 21 %
MMA Congress (Net)	570,889	412,079	Increase 39%
Annual General Meeting	-	812,430	Decrease 100%

### 5.1.3 Significant Increase in MMA Expenditure

The HGT (2023/2024) presented to the House the breakdown of the Expenses as per the table below:

EXPENSES	2023	2022	Variance
Annual General Meeting	174,579	651,428	decrease by 73%
Bereavement payment	96,000	74,000	Increase by 30%
International Conference Expenses	138,553	186,269	decrease by 26%
Council and Exco expenses	244,334	207,253	Increase by 18%
IT Expenses	184,946	217,158	decrease by 15%
Grants to branches	501,364	438,271	Increase by 14%

### 5.1.4 MMA Fixed Deposit Position

The HGT (2023/2024) presented to the House the MMA Fixed deposit position as per the table below:

	YEAR 2023	YEAR 2022
Malaysian Medical Association	8,155,124	6,940,740
MMA Special Savings (Life Investment Fund)	20,692,644	18,740,336
MMA Emergency Reserve Fund	7,289,943	7,050,217
MMA Society of Occupational & Environmental Medicine	1,013,297	979,056
Total	37,151,008	33,710,349

### 5.1.5 Investment In Kenanga

The Honorary General Treasurer (HGT) for 2023/2024 presented the following details regarding the MMA's investment in Kenanga:

PERSATUAN PERUBATAN MALAYSIA (MALAYS ASSOCIATION) 4TH FLOOR MMA HOUSE 124 JALAN PAHANG 53000 KUALA LUMPUR WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN MALAYSIA	IAN MEDICAL Account Name	1	CO10444553  PERSATUAN PERUBATAN MALAYSIA (MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)
	Account Portfolio	:	CORPORATE
	Adviser Name/No.	2	MOHD IKHWAN BIN IBRAHIM / 0150732

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	FUND CURRENCY	NET AMOUNT	NAV	ENTRY /SWITCHING /EXIT FEES (%)	ENTRY /SWITCHING /EXIT FEES	GROSS AMOUNT	NO.OF UNITS	MARKET VALUE
	KENANGA SYARIAHEXTRA FUND	MYR							=
	Units Bff							728,827.39	
	Total Units							728,827.39	
								Market Value @ 31/07/2024 NAV : 0.3991	290,875.01

Initial Placement: RM 250,000, made on 1st December 2020. Investment Value as of 31st July 2024: RM 290,875.01.

The investment advisory has recommended continuing to monitor the fund's progress for an additional 3-6 months. If no significant improvements are observed during this period, the option of withdrawing the fund and reallocating it to a different investment opportunity will be considered.

### 5.1.6 Bradbury Investment Fund

The HGT (2023/2024) presented the following information regarding the Bradbury Capital Protected Fund:

- The Bradbury Capital Protected Fund is a capital-protected fund.
- The investment tenure for this fund is 3 years.
- It offers a fixed return of 8%.
- The current investment value is RM252,280.00.
- Dividends will be received on a 6-month basis.

Received Date:	21.07.2022
Remitting Party Name:	Malaysian Medical Association
Remitting Bank:	Bank of New York Mellon – NA - NY
Remitted Amount:	USD 55,987.00
Remitting Bank Charge(s):	USD 0.00
Receiving Bank Charge(s):	USD 8.26
Net Amount Received:	USD 55,978.74
Remarks	For Subscription Bradbury Capital Protected
	Fund VIII

### 5.1.7 Bradbury Investment Fund Dividend Payout-Semi Annual

The HGT (2023/2024) highlighted the dividend payout below:



### 5.1.8 Melaka Property - Updates

The HGT (2023/2024) informed the House that the purchase of the Melaka property has been successfully completed. The next step involves the preparation of a trust deed for both the Melaka and Selangor properties.

### 5.1.9 Bereavement Payment

	2023 ( from Jan – I	Dec 2023)	2022 ( from Jan – I	Dec 2022)
	No of Members	RM	No of Members	RM
Life Members@ RM 5,000/10,000	16 1	80,000 10,000	12	60,000
Ordinary Members@ RM 2,000	3	6,000	7	14,000
Total	20	96,000	19	74,000

63rd Annual General Meeting of MMA resolve that

Life Member - a sum of RM10,000.00 shall be paid to the deceased's family.

Ordinary Member - a sum of RM5,000.00 shall be paid to the deceased's family.

### 5.1.10 Management Letter 2023

The HGT (2023/2024) presented the Management Letter from Raki CS Tan & Ramanan, highlighting the following key issues:

### 1. Vacant Units in MMA Building, Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur

- 1st Floor: Vacant since September 2017.
- Lot 8 (Ground Floor).
- **Recommendation:** Management should address these vacancies to maximize rental income.

### 2. MMA Special Savings (Life Investment) Fund

- **Balance:** RM 16,246,759 as of 31 December 2023.
- **Recommendation:** Management should consider forming an Investment Committee to ensure the funds are reinvested effectively to maximize earnings.

### 3. Plant and Equipment – RM 397,614

- Management should maintain a register for plant and equipment, with proper asset tagging.
- **Recommendation:** Tag assets to easily identify and track them.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

 Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam (Melaka) asked whether states with MMA properties pay rent, and who manages quit rent and assessment payments. The HGT 2023/2024 responded that as decided by the previous MMA Council, quit rent and assessment expenses will be borne by individual states. There will be an administrative fee which will be decided by the Council.

- Dr. Mohamed Namazie (Selangor) asked if the trust deed had been executed. The HGT 2023/2024 answered that the trust deed is completed, except for the Melaka and Selangor properties.
- 3. Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak) asked about rental income received by the states and who pays the taxes on it. The HGT 2023/2024 responded that the rental received by the state is their income, and the taxes are to be borne by the individual state.
- 4. Lt Kol Dr Eugene Tan Choon Li (Sabah) requested that the HGS also ensure proper care of States Secretariats regarding KWSP, SOCSO, and insurance contributions. HGS 2023/2024 responded that there was already a proposal to outsource secretarial services to branches, but it was not executed until now due to poor response from the states. The HGT 2023/2024 added that an additional RM 5,000 grant has been proposed for each state which can be utilized for the state secretariat.
- 5. Dr. Mohamed Namazie (Selangor) proposed to the HGT that, as MMA gains more income, leading to increased taxation, they should consider revising the staff salary to reduce tax liability. HGS 2023/2024 answered that the secretariat salary has been reviewed yearly, with regular increments and bonuses. Additionally, a staff incentive program has been implemented to reward their performance. The HGT 2023/2024 added that one of the reasons for the increase in taxes is that MMA received advance payment for the 2024 indemnity commission in 2023, which contributed to the higher tax liability.
- 6. Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor) congratulated the Exco and Council for their hard work, noting that he attended the MMA AGM after 23 years.

The Report and Financial Statement 2023 was duly received and adopted by the House.

**Proposer:** Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam (Melaka) **Seconder:** Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor)

### 5.2 Budget for the Term 2024/2025

The HGT 2023/2024 presented the budget for the term 2024/2025. A copy of the budget has been circulated to all members.

	Budget 2024/2025	Budget (A)	Audited (B)	Variance (A -B)
		2023	2023	
	RM	RM	RM	RM
INCOME COMMISSION AND REBATES	3,842,126	4,330,000	3,699,912	630.088
FIXED DEPOSIT INTEREST	3,842,126 271,343	211,000	214,384	(3,384)
RENTAL INCOME	1,012,541	1,040,000	1,054,072	(14,072)
SUBSCRIPTION	1,404,007	1,554,000	1,376,477	177,523
SEMINAR & CONFERENCES PUBLICATION (Berita)	988,450 265,000	1,069,800 265,000	1,655,887 332,470	(586,087) (67,470)
PUBLICATION (MUM)	370,000	221,500	265,605	(44,105)
CONTINOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	900,000	792,000	1,048,900	(236,900)
OTHER INCOME	451,715	195,000	410,568	(215,568)
	9,505,182	9,678,300	10,058,276	(379,976)
EXPENDITURE				
AGM EXPENSES	192,036	150,000	174,578	(24,578)
COUNCIL EXPENSES				\ . · · ·
COUNCIL & EXCO MEETING EXP	171,360	122,000	133,054	(11,054)
BEREAVEMENT PAYMENTS  MMA OFFICE BEARER EXPENSES	150,000 34.823	232,000 42.000	96,000 31.657	136,000 10.343
OTHER REPRESENTATIVE MEETING	65,806	112,000	59,823	52,177
GIFT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS	20,000	20,000	19,800	200
INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS	-	277,001	255,170	21,831
SEMINARS EXPENSES/ DINNER EVENT	1,158,170	1,018,098	1,047,013	(28,915)
GRANTS & SPONSORSHIP GRANTS TO BRANCHES	685,505	626,000	373,670	252,330
GRANTS TO BRANCHES FOR AGM	80,000	50,000	100,000	(50,000)
DONATION	10,000	10,000	13,000	(3,000)
INTERNATIONAL EXPENSES INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLING EXPENSES	250,000	200,000	113,992	86,008
MMA BUILDING				_
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING	579,516	550,000	534,181	15.819
UPKEEP OF MMA HOUSE	5,000	5,000	1,885	3,115
COMMITTEE EXPENSES				-
COMMITTEE MEETING PPS MEETING EXP	231,850 150,000	203,686 183.450	203,083 83,701	603 99,749
SCHOMOS MEETING EXP	250,000	220,000	161,960	58,040
SMMAMS	81,576	99,883	27,693	72,190
PUBLICATIONS				-
PUBLICATIONS (Berita )	268,800	228,264	258,968	(30,704)
PUBLICATIONS ( MIM) RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	322,600 24,000	220,300 24,000	200,631 24,000	19,669
PRESS OFFICER	60,000	36,000	60,000	(4,000)
				-
OPEX AUDIT FEES	23.000	23.000	21.000	2,000
ADMIN EXPENSES	208,880	220,000	186,837	33,163
PROFESSIONAL/LEGAL FEES	100,000	99,000	27,720	71,280
INSURANCE - (ASSOCIATION LIABILITIES)	24,000	24,000	22,000	2,000
IT EXPENSES SECRETARIAT STAFF EXPENSES	198,393 2,261,425	200,000 2,170,000	184,946 2,015,463	15,054 154,537
UPKEEP OF MOTOR VEHICLE	16,306	14,000	14,823	(823)
SUBSCRIPTION TO AFFILIATED BODIES	35,415	36,000	30,168	5,832
DEPRECIATION	289,042	280,000	262,765	17,235
DISPOSAL OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE OF SOUVENIRS	5,000 40,000	5,000 42,000	3 35.595	4,997 6.405
SALES AND SERVICE TAX	38,068	52,000	34,607	17,393
CAPEX				-
SOFTWARE & HARDWARE	50,000	50,000	26,918	23,082
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FURNITURES & EQUIPMENT	30,000 20,000	24,000 20,000	137,000 62,534	(113,000) (42,534)
FINANCE COST	17,185	21,000	15,623	5,377
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENSES	8,147,754	7,929,682	7,051,862	877,820
SURPLUS BEFORE DONATION TO MMA	1,357,428	1,748,618	3,006,413	(1,257,795)
LESS: DONATION TO MMA FOUNDATION	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	
SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION	1,157,428	1,548,618	2,806,413	1,257,795
PROVISION FOR TAXATION	(1,000,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,110,809)	389,191
SURPLUS	157,428	48,618	1,695,604	(1,646,986)

The Annual Budget for the year 2024/2025 was unanimously received and adopted by the House.

**Proposer:** Datuk Dr N. Athimulam (Melaka) **Seconder:** Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak)

### 5.3 Report of the Honorary Auditors of the Financial Statements 2023

The Honorary Auditors, Dato' Dr. Abdul Hamid bin Abdul Kadir and Dr. Mary Suma Cardosa, prepared the Internal Auditor Report 2023. The following report was presented to the House by Dr. Mary Suma Cardosa:

We are pleased to present our MMA Internal Auditors Report for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2023. Our report should be read in conjunction with the opinions given by the external auditors.

We have audited the Financial Statement for MMA for the year ending 31st December 2023. We also looked at the recommendations of the internal auditors for the previous year and have noted that most of the recommendations made have been implemented.

After studying the Draft Financial Statement for MMA for the year ending 31st December 2023, we submitted some queries and comments to the HGT and Finance staff, many of which have been addressed.

One general comment that we would like to make is that the wording in the listing of some of the items in the Financial Statement are vague and sometimes inappropriate. We recognize that there are Notes to elaborate on the various aspects of the items, but the flaws, as indicated above, have been pointed out to the secretariat for rectification.

The following are some specific issues that we would like to raise to the general membership of MMA.

### 1. Current Assets

- We note that the MMA has increased its total assets from 16,859,882 to 20,441,490.
- However, we also note that the Cash and Bank Balances was RM3,333,050
  which is actually a lot more than in 2022. Therefore, we have to repeat the
  recommendation of the internal auditors report for 2023 that a smaller
  amount should be kept as cash in hand and the balance should be put into
  fixed deposit to generate some interest.

### 2. Income

We note that in 2023, MMA maintained approximately the same level of income over the past two years, amounting to RM9,484,516 in 2023 compared to RM9,565,000 in 2022. The income is mainly from commission from insurance (RM3,609.862), with other big contributors being the MMA Medical Congress (RM1,032,743) and Rental income (RM1,054,072).

### 3. Expenditure

- Total expenditure on MMA activities and council / exco expenses, Grants to branches, Operating costs and Personnel has also remained approximately the same as in the previous year (RM6,238,651 in 2023 vs RM6,125,852 in 2022).
- The estimated tax payable for 2023 is RM1.1 million (30% of surplus). Although the HGT has informed us that MMA has maximised the expenditure on members (e.g. grants to branches), we recommend that further steps be taken to reduce the tax payable.
- We acknowledge, however, that the expenditure in the next few years will increase due to the major renovation of the MMA building that is going to be carried out.
- Nevertheless, some recommendations to consider in terms of increasing expenditure for the benefit of the general membership, branches, leadership and staff are listed below:
- (a) Continuing the annual donation to the MMA Foundation we note that this has been increased to RM200,000 and that an additional RM50,000 was also donated to MMA Foundation for its fund-raising projects like Sepeda Borneo. Similarly, donations could also be given to other charity / fund-raising projects run by the Foundation.
- (b) More training courses for council members and for staff: This was recommended in the previous internal auditors' report and has been carried out but could be increased further in the coming years.
- (c) Encourage committees of MMA to have more activities we note that the amount spent on activities varies greatly from committee to committee. Perhaps the Council could suggest activities for those committees that are not active or include new members in those committees.
- (d) Increase the allocation to branches by providing an incentive for the recruitment of new members each year. We note that the MMA Foundation used to give this incentive, but this initiative has now ceased, so MMA can do this instead.

Overall, we would like to congratulate the Hon Gen Treasurer and the Exco and Council for managing the funds of the MMA in a responsible manner, as MMA has been able to maintain a nett surplus of income over expenditure in the past few years, and we hope that this trend will continue in the future.

The Honorary General Treasurer (HGT) 2023/2024 informed the House that the Honorary Auditors have proposed that the Council covers the travel and accommodation expenses for Past Presidents who attend the National Convention & Scientific Congress and the MMA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The HGT expressed gratitude to the Exco, Council, and the Finance team for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

The Honorary Auditors' Report was unanimously received and adopted by the House.

For information.

### 6. TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR

6.1 Dr. Mark Tan Kiak Min (Selangor), Chairman of the MMA Ethics Committee 2023/2024, presented the Ethics Annual Report 2023/2024 to the members, which was unanimously adopted by the House without amendments.

Proposer: Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak)

**Seconder:** Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)

6.2 At the last meeting of the MMA Ethics Committee for the term 2023/2024, held in August (after the report submission deadline), the Committee agreed to produce a supplementary report reflecting activities until August. This report will be circulated to all members.

### 6.3 Other highlights:

- The MMA Ethics Committee has published the updated Handbook of Medical Ethics, now available for download from the MMA website in PDF format. The Committee plans to create an easily accessible page where members can search the document online using keywords without needing to download the full PDF.
- The MMA Ethics Committee Webinar Series began in June, with monthly sessions held on the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 PM. The webinars focus on Ethics and Law-related matters. Attendance has been increasing, with 300 registrations for the first session, 400+ for the second, and 650 for the most recent. The series will continue in the upcoming term.
- A proposal has been received to collaborate on research analysing the trends and cases reviewed by the Committee. The aim is to identify patterns and develop preemptive measures for doctors to prevent future ethical issues.
- Collaboration with SCHOMOS is planned for an Ethics Workshop in the upcoming term.

 The Committee emphasizes education as its primary focus and welcomes collaboration with branches or other communities interested in hosting educational activities.

### 6.4 Comments from the Members:

- Datuk Dr. N. Gana Baskaran (Selangor) inquired whether the Ethics Committee discusses or reviews cases when politicians, particularly medical doctors, speak in Parliament. He referred to recent reports of fraudulent Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) claims allegedly involving doctors in Penang.
- The MMA Ethics Committee Chairman for 2023/2024, Dr. Mark Tan (Selangor), explained that under his leadership, the Committee has not received any news or complaints related to the issue. He clarified that the Committee does not actively monitor the news or social media for potential ethical concerns, as they lack the capacity to do so daily. He acknowledged that if they did engage in such monitoring, they would likely find ethical matters frequently. Currently, the Committee only responds to formal complaints submitted directly to them or through the Honorary General Secretary. However, if the Ethics Committee is consulted on a matter, they are prepared to provide feedback and opinions.
- Dato Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira noted that the MMA is already aware of the ongoing SOCSO issue.
- Dr. David Quek (W. Persekutuan) agreed with Dr. Mark Tan, stating that subchairmen should not be making comments in the press. He emphasized that when a hot issue arises, it is incumbent on the President and the Council to take note and release a short press statement acknowledging the situation while waiting for more details before making any further statements or taking action. Dr. Quek believed it would be unfair for the Ethics Committee Chairman to comment on such matters. The MMA Exco took note of this suggestion.
- Dr. Mohamed Namazie (Selangor), having previously chaired the MMA Ethics Committee, acknowledged the challenges of monitoring issues but noted that the MMA Secretariat already has a media monitoring system in place. He pointed out that certain organizations or government agencies, such as SOCSO and FOMEMA, are relevant to the MMA, and suggested that in the future, MMA could monitor issues related to these agencies. If an ethical issue arises involving these agencies, the Honorary General Secretary could refer it to the MMA Ethics Committee for review and appropriate action and also maybe to the other committees within the MMA depending on the issue.

- Dr. Mark Tan acknowledged the suggestions and said he would explore the possibility of establishing a mechanism for monitoring relevant ethical issues. He also noted that if the President needed to make a public statement, the MMA Ethics Committee would gladly provide theoretical insights, literature, or any other necessary input. Regarding the SOCSO case, Dr. Mark Tan emphasized that although the media had reported on it, the doctors involved had only been arrested and remanded, with no formal charges yet. He reminded members that, in legal terms, individuals are innocent until proven guilty. Therefore, issuing a statement too early might be premature, unless the statement is only meant to inform the public that the MMA is aware about the case.
- Datuk Dr. N. Gana Baskaran agreed that the MMA Ethics Committee follows its own protocols but emphasized that the issue of the doctors involved in the SOCSO case was significant and widely discussed. He clarified that he was not asking the Committee to act as an investigative body but suggested that the President and the MMA Council should acknowledge such matters. He proposed issuing a paper or note stating that MMA is aware of the situation and is awaiting findings from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) before making any formal statements. This would show that MMA is attentive, given the widespread public interest in the case.
- Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo, the HGS 2023/2024, explained that after the SOCSO issue was highlighted, the media had approached MMA for comments. However, the MMA refrained from making any statements at that time, explaining that they were closely monitoring the situation. He further mentioned that a generic statement had been prepared for release, but since this is a legal matter, MMA did not want to act prematurely. He agreed with Datuk Dr. Gana Baskaran's point and reassured members that everything was in place, and the MMA Secretariat has been actively keeping track of all relevant press statements.

For information.

### 7. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE AS PRESIDENT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE YEAR PRECEDING

7.1 Dato Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak) was installed as the President of MMA for the term 2024/2025.

For information.

### 8. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE AS AN IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

- 8.1 Dr. Azizan Binti Abdul Aziz (W. Persekutuan) was declared as the Immediate Past President of MMA for the term 2024/2025.
- 8.2 The Chairman of the MMA Elections Committee, Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam, sought permission from the House to express a few words about the outgoing Immediate Past President for 2023/2024, Dr. Muruga Raj a/l Rajathurai. He acknowledged Dr. Muruga Raj's three consecutive years of dedicated service on the Council and invited the House to bid him farewell as he steps down from his Council seat. Datuk Dr. Athimulam requested the members to give Dr. Muruga Raj a round of applause in recognition of his commendable contributions to the MMA.

For information.

### 9. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

- 9.1 The House was informed that there was only one (1) valid nomination received for the post of President-Elect on the closing date of nomination; Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (W. Persekutuan), and thus he won the post uncontested.
- 9.2 Following that, the House accepted and declared Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo as President-Elect for the term 2024/2025.

For information.

### 10. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

- 10.1 The House was informed that there was only one (1) valid nomination received for the post of Honorary General Secretary on the closing date of nomination; Dr. Vasu Pillai a/I Letchumanan (Penang), and thus he won the post uncontested.
- 10.2 Following that, the House accepted and declared Dr. Vasu Pillai a/I Letchumanan as the Honorary General Secretary for the term 2024/2025.

For information.

### 11. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

11.1 The House was informed that there was only one (1) valid nomination received for the post of Honorary General Treasurer on the closing date of nomination; Dr. Arvindran a/l Alaga (Kedah), and thus he won the post uncontested.

11.2 Following that, the House accepted and declared Dr. Arvindran a/l Alaga as the Honorary General Treasurer for the term 2024/2025.

For information.

### 12. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE TWO (2) HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARIES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

- 12.1 The House was informed that by the closing date for nominations, three (3) valid nominations were received for the post of Honorary Deputy Secretaries:
  - Dr. Selva Ganapathi a/l Ganeson (Negeri Sembilan)
  - Dr. Sivabala a/I Selvaratnam (Perak)
  - Dr. Sivanaesan a/l Letchumanan (Selangor)
- 12.2 It was reported that a total of 1,078 members participated in the electronic voting process via the MMA Mobile Application on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 12.3 Following the election results, Dr. Sivanaesan a/l Letchumanan and Dr. Sivabala a/l Selvaratnam, who received the highest number of votes, were accepted and declared as Honorary Deputy Secretaries for the term 2024/2025 by the House.

For information.

## 13. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COUNCIL INCLUDING ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE(S) ELECTED BY THE RESPECTIVE BRANCHES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

13.1 The following members were accepted and declared as the respective Branch representatives for the MMA Council, 2024/2025:

BRANCH	BRANCH  REPRESENTATIVE(S)	ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Johor	1. DR TAN ZI HAN 2. DR THARVEEN NAIR A/L CHANDRASEKARAN	1. DR RAMADASS SELVAKUMAR 2. DR PRABHA @ SHANTI A/P SUBRAMANIAM
Kedah	<ol> <li>DR THIYAGAR S/O NADARAJAW</li> <li>DR SRITHARAN RAO A/L SUBBARAO</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR THANUSHA NAIDU A/P PERABAKARAN</li> <li>DR BAVANI NAIDO A/P MUNISAMY NAIDU</li> </ol>
Kelantan	<ol> <li>DR TUAN ZAMANI AMIR TUAN ZAKARIA</li> <li>DR WAN NOR AINA AR- MARDIYAH BT WAN JEFFERY</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR MOHD RAHIMIE SAYUTTI</li> <li>DR NIK NAEIMAH BT NIK SOH</li> </ol>

Melaka	<ol> <li>DR GAYATHRI A/P K         KUMARASURIAR</li> <li>DR SIVANANTHAN A/L         PERIETHAMBY</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR JEFFRI TEH BIN FAIZAL</li> <li>DR SOH YIH HARNG</li> </ol>
Negeri Sembilan	<ol> <li>DR (KAPT) RAVINDRAN A/L RAMASAMY</li> <li>DR ANDREW A/L SOLAMADAN</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR ANU SURIA A/P GANASON</li> <li>DR NARVINDARAN MARIAPPAN</li> </ol>
Pahang	<ol> <li>DATIN DR FA'IZA BINTI ABDULLAH</li> </ol>	1. DR NOR AZLINA A RAHMAN
Penang	<ol> <li>DR DIVAGAR A/L VARATHA RAJU</li> <li>DATO' DR PARMJIT SINGH A/L KULDIP SINGH</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR PRABHU A/L RAMASAMY</li> <li>DR JAIANAND J TEJANI</li> </ol>
Perak	<ol> <li>DR SURESH A/L SUBRAMANIAM</li> <li>DR MONESH PILLAI A/L GOPI</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR NAGEENTHREN RAGUNATHAN</li> <li>DR CH'NG TUN WANG</li> </ol>
Perlis	1. DR SATHESH KUMAR A/L PERIYASAMY	1. DR JAYNESHTHRA RAO A/L KRISHNAMURTHY
Sabah	<ol> <li>LT COL DR EUGENE TAN CHOON LI</li> <li>DR BRANDON PATRICK SENAGANG</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR SHAHNAZ IRWANI SABRI</li> <li>ASSOC PROF DR FREDIE ROBINSON</li> </ol>
Sarawak	<ol> <li>DR ONG ENG-JOE</li> <li>DR LAU BIK LIANG</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR LIEW SHAN FAP</li> <li>DR KON KA HIN</li> </ol>
Selangor	<ol> <li>DR JULIET MATHEW</li> <li>DR MUHAMMAD ALIFF IMRAN BIN NOOR MOHAMED</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR MUHAMMAD GOWDH MUHAMMED JAFFAR</li> <li>DR AMUTHAMEENA MANOHARAN</li> </ol>
Terengganu	DR WAN MOHD RAZIN B HASAN     @ WAN HASSAN	1. DR KARTIK A/L KALIYANA SUNDARAM
Wilayah Persekutuan	<ol> <li>DR SELVARAJAH A/L SATHAYA</li> <li>COL DR GNANAMALAR GNANASUNDRAM</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>DR ERATHA KRISHNAN A/L GOBINADAN</li> <li>DR GOKILAVANI SEKAR CHANDRAN</li> </ol>

For information.

### 14. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE SCHOMOS REPRESENTATIVE AND PPSMMA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THESE SECTIONS

14.1 The House accepted and declared the following members as the representatives for SCHOMOS and PPSMMA:

**SCHOMOS**: Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

PPSMMA : Dato' Dr Parmjit Singh a/l Kuldip Singh (Penang)

For information.

### 15. TO ELECT TWO (2) HONORARY AUDITORS AND APPOINT THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The following were nominated for the post of Honorary Auditors for the term 2024/2025:

### (a) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)

Proposer: Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak) Seconder: Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor)

### (b) Dr. Mary Suma Cardosa (Selangor)

Proposer: Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor) Seconder: Dr. Ravindran R Naidu (Perak)

The House accepted and declared Dr. Mohamed Namazie bin Ibrahim and Dr Mary Suma Cardosa as the Honorary Auditors for the term 2024/2025.

For information.

15.2 The MMA received three quotations for the appointment of the External Auditor:

### i. Raki CS Tan & Ramanan (Auditor for year 2023 – RM 23,000)

Audit Fees for the financial year ending 31 December 2024: **RM 23,000** (Excluding disbursement & out of pockets expenses)

### ii. Marie J & Co

Audit Fees for the financial year ending 31 December 2024: **RM 29,000.** (Excluding disbursement & out of pockets expenses)

### iii. YH Tan & Associates

Audit Fees for the financial year ending 31 December 2024: **RM 32,000.** (Excluding disbursement & out of pockets expenses)

- The Honorary General Treasurer (HGT) for 2023/2024 has recommended the appointment of Raki CS Tan & Ramanan for continuity. The HGT for 2024/2025, though absent at the AGM, had previously indicated agreement with this recommendation.
- Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor) commented that it is generally not advisable to retain the same auditor for more than three years. He clarified that he was not implying any misconduct by Raki CS Tan & Ramanan, but felt that after three years, a fresh perspective from a new auditor could help avoid any potential oversights.
- The Chairman of the MMA Elections Committee, Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam, who conducted this session on behalf of Dr. Arvindran a/l Alaga, the Honorary General Treasurer for 2024/2025, acknowledged Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh's input and advised the incoming Council to consider this when appointing the external auditor in future.

After deliberation, the House unanimously accepted **Raki CS Tan & Ramanan**'s quotation, and the firm was appointed as the External Auditor for MMA for 2024/2025.

For information.

# 16. TO DECIDE ON ANY RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND ON OTHER RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN DULY SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING AS PROVIDED FOR, UNDER CLAUSE 7 (1) (iii)

16.1 The President for 2024/2025, Dato Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak), called upon the Chairman of the Constitution and Resolutions Review (CRR) Committee 2023/2024, Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka), along with another member of the CRR Committee, Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor), to facilitate the session.

### 16.2 Highlights:

- All voting would take place electronically via the MMA Mobile Application (MMA App).
   Members were provided with guidance on the voting process through a brief video presentation delivered by the MMA Secretariat.
- II. All proposed amendments to the Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Branch Delegates present physically or virtually, as long as a quorum is present for each voting session, as stated in MMA Constitution, Clause 20(1)(ii). In percentage terms, this means 66.7% or higher approval.
- III. Other resolutions require a simple majority of the Branch Delegates present physically and virtually and voting, provided a quorum is maintained for each voting session. However, for resolutions involving expenditures exceeding RM 500,000, approval from a two-thirds majority is necessary.
- IV. The voting options for all motions were limited to two choices: YES (Accept) and NO (Reject). ABSTAIN was not included as a voting option. ABSTAIN indicates abstention from voting. If members do not vote, they are present but not voting.

- V. Members wishing to speak were asked to address the President, identify themselves by stating their full name and branch, and speak clearly for record-keeping purposes.
- 16.3 The House was presented with two (2) proposed Constitutional Amendments and four (4) other Resolutions.
- 16.4 The presence of a quorum was confirmed.
- 16.5 **Discussion on the Proposed Amendments to Constitution:**

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka) presented the following proposed amendment on behalf of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee:

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1**

### ORIGINAL CLAUSE

### CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING

**CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING** 

### (10) Eligibility for Nomination

(v) The Secretary of the Elections Committee shall make the necessary announcement through email, MMA website, or in the publication(s) of the MMA by January of the particular year calling for nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and Two Honorary Deputy Secretaries. Nominations must be submitted on one prescribed nomination form for the particular year to the Secretary of the Elections Committee not less than eleven (11) weeks before the Annual General Meeting at which such elections will be held. Candidates wishing to withdraw the nominations can do so within seven (7) days after the closing date of nominations. The tenure of office held for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer, and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries, should not be more than five (5) years continuously.

### (10) Eligibility for Nomination

AMENDED CLAUSE

(v) The Secretary of the Elections Committee shall make the necessary announcement through email, MMA website, or in the publication(s) of the MMA by January of the particular year each year calling for nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and Two Honorary Deputy Secretaries. Nominations must be submitted on one prescribed nomination form for the particular year to the Secretary of the Elections Committee not less than eleven (11) weeks before the Annual General Meeting at which such elections will be held for that vear. Candidates wishing to withdraw the nominations can do so within seven (7) days after the closing date of nominations. The tenure of office held for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer, and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries, should not be more than five (5) years continuously.

Proposer: Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim

Seconder: Dr. Ashok Philip

(On behalf of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee)

**Purpose of the amendment:** To clarify the wording of the clause.

### Points of Discussion by the MMA Members:

- Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor) expressed concern, stating that MMA frequently changes the
  wording of the Constitution without much necessity. He argued that the original clause, which
  mentions January of the particular year, already makes it clear that it refers to each year, and
  thus the proposed change seemed unnecessary.
- Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam (Melaka) acknowledged that while it is true that MMA has amended its Constitution numerous times in the past, this AGM made history with only two amendments being presented, which he considered a notable achievement.

The House voted, and the proposed amendment was adopted.

**Total number of votes cast:** 75.

[Accept: 65 (86.67%) Reject: 10 (13.13%)]

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2**

Dr. Mohamed Namazie (Selangor) presented the following proposed amendment on behalf of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee:

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2**

### ORIGINAL CLAUSE

### AMENDED CLAUSE

### **CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING** (11) Other Programmes

The Annual Games, the Annual Dinner and the Annual Informal Night and other programmes shall be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting.

(i) The Annual Dinner shall be held during the period of the Annual General Meeting. High Table: Only the President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President together with their spouses shall be allotted seats at the High Table, together with the Guests of Honour.

(ii) Informal Night

### **CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING** (11) Other Programmes

The Annual Games, the Annual Dinner and the Annual Informal Night and other programmes shall be held in conjunction with the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress, unless otherwise specified as below.

(i) The Annual Dinner shall be held during the period of the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress.

High Table: Only the President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President together with their spouses shall be allotted seats at the High Table, together with the Guests of Honour. This shall be open only to members and their spouses/ partners. No other guests shall be invited except with the approval of the Organising Committee.

### (iii) Other Programmes

The Organising Committee may also organise in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting the following programmes:

- (a) Scientific meetings, forums or seminars on current issues affecting the profession. The participants of this shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee and Council.
- (b) Exhibitions this may be trade or scientific exhibitions.
- (c) Spouses and children's programme.
- (d) Tours, visits to places of interest, etc. The Association's Secretariat may assist the Organising Committee in raising funds through advertisements in the Souvenir Programme.

### (ii) Informal Night

The Informal Night shall be held during the period of the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress, and it shall be open only to members and their spouses/partners. No other guests shall be invited except with the approval of the Organising Committee.

(iii) Other Programmes

The Organising Committee may also organise in conjunction with the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress the following programmes:

- (a) Scientific meetings, forums or seminars on current issues affecting the profession. The participants of this shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee and Council.
- (b) Exhibitions this may be trade or scientific exhibitions.
- (c) Spouses and children's programme.
- (d) Tours, visits to places of interest, etc. The Association's Secretariat may assist the Organising Committee in raising funds through advertisements in the Souvenir Programme.

### (iv) Annual Games

The Annual Games may be held at a different time and venue than the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress at the discretion of the Organising Committee, and with approval from the MMA Executive Committee/Council, while maintaining their official recognition as "Annual Games".

Proposer: Dr. Ashok Philip

Seconder: Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim

(On behalf of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee)

### Purpose of the amendment:

- The amendment was proposed based on feedback from MMA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
  Organizing Committees due to the poor attendance at the annual games. The belief was that
  better participation would be achieved if the games were held at a different time rather than
  during the Convention.
- The amendment also sought to update the terminology from "in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting" to "in conjunction with the National Convention and Scientific Congress," as the AGM is now only part of the larger Convention, unlike in the past. This amendment was seen as a necessary housekeeping measure to reflect the current structure of the MMA events.

Dr. Mohamed Namazie responded to earlier comments made by Dr. Kanwal Singh during the
discussion of Proposed Amendment 1, explaining that a significant overhaul of the Constitution
had occurred during the COVID-19 year when the MMA held its first-ever online AGM. During
that time, over 80 amendments were made, but the terminology change regarding the National
MMA Convention and Scientific Congress was overlooked, making it necessary to address this
issue now. He also noted that the amendment concerning the annual games was a new
proposal.

The House voted, and the proposed amendment was adopted.

Total number of votes cast: 93.

[Accept: 87 (93.55%) Reject: 6 (6.45%)]

For information.

16.6 Discussions on the Proposed Resolutions:

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1

Dr. Koh Kar Chai (W. Persekutuan) presented the following resolution:

### Resolution on Additional Funds for Renovation of MMA Building

### **Preamble:**

Recognizing the critical need to address the deteriorating state of the MMA Building, the House allocated RM 7.5 million at the 63rd MMA AGM to be utilized over a three-year period for its renovation and upgrading. Subsequent detailed assessments by architects, consultants, and legal advisors have revealed unforeseen complexities and essential requirements that were not initially accounted for. These include structural repairs, compliance upgrades, and necessary legal and administrative preparations. Notably, the initially approved amount of RM 7.5 million does not cover the cost of fittings required for the renovation. Additionally, there has been an escalation of inflationary costs since the budget was first approved at the last AGM. Therefore, the previously approved budget of RM 7.5 million may be insufficient to cover the comprehensive renovation and upgrading requirements of the MMA Building.

### **Resolution:**

 Acknowledging the escalated costs and the imperative to ensure the MMA Building meets modern safety, operational, and regulatory standards, the House hereby approves an additional RM 5 million for the renovation project. This supplementary allocation, combined with the previously approved RM 7.5 million, brings the total budget to RM 12.5 million. This amount will not be fully utilized if it is not necessary.

- 2. The funds will be utilized over an extended period of four (4) years (48 months) from the date of signing the agreement, as advised by the architect, who estimates the renovation will take 48 months to be completed.
- 3. The project will be subject to the standard tender approval process managed by the Tender Committee chaired by the Honorary General Treasurer.

**Proposer:** Dr. Koh Kar Chai

Seconder: Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

Special Presentation: Dr. Koh Kar Chai, the Project Manager of the MMA Building Renovation Project, provided an update on the developments related to the renovation project.

### Points of Discussion by the MMA Members:

- Prof Dr. Jayakumar A/L Gurusamy (Melaka) thanked the Project Manager for efforts to rejuvenate the MMA Building. He suggested that MMA should pay attention to the condition of individual tenant units, as some suffer from significant leakage. He expressed concern that the proposed 48-month renovation duration seemed too long and inquired about the plan for managing tenants during this period, as the prolonged renovation could lead to MMA losing rental income.
- Dr. Koh Kar Chai responded that renovations would be done floor by floor, and tenants were consulted earlier in the project. Some tenants supported the renovation, expecting it to attract more customers. The 48-month period was the maximum estimate from the Consultant Architect, with efforts to shorten the timeline under consideration.
- Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam (Melaka) inquired about the renovation plans for the shop lots on the ground and rooftop levels and suggested addressing parking issues by renting adjacent spaces during large meetings.
- Dr. Koh Kar Chai responded that the MMA will be renovating the shop lots on the ground floor as well. He explained that there is currently an unused corridor between the shop lots, which had sometimes been used to park motorbikes and store construction materials. This space is now clean, and the plan is to integrate the shop lots, with the shop lots at the front and back being separated only by a wall. He further elaborated on the rooftop issues, noting that although renovations had been done, the main problem was water leakage into the floors below the Dewan Bunga Raya platform. The empty space beneath the platform is collecting water, and waterproofing is required, as per the Consultant Architect's recommendations. The roof is also being evaluated, with further remedial work suggested to prevent similar problems in the future.
- There were some proposals made by the members joining online; Dr N P Krishnan A/L K V Padmanabha Menon (W. Persekutuan) who suggested looking into the Solar Panel System and Dr Long Tuan Mastazamin B Long Tuan Kechik (Kelantan) who inquired whether making a new

modern MMA Building will be much cheaper than renovating the existing building in term of future usage.

- Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak) inquired whether the renovation costs would remain at RM 12.5 million or increase further in future Annual General Meetings. He also proposed that MMA consider installing solar panels, highlighting that solar panels typically provide a return on investment after 5-7 years, which would be advantageous for the MMA.
- Dr. Koh Kar Chai responded that the renovation team would strive to keep the cost within RM 7.5 million. He explained that while the project had already commenced, progress had been slow due to extensive discussions over the past two years. When Dr. Koh was tasked with overseeing the project as President-Elect of the MMA, it was clear the budget required careful management. The additional RM 5 million was intended as a buffer. Regarding solar panels, Dr. Koh mentioned that they could only be installed on top of Dewan Bunga Raya, as the rest of the building's roof space is occupied by poles that generate significant income for the MMA, making their removal unfeasible.
- Dr. David Quek (W. Persekutuan) congratulated the MMA Renovation Project Team for conducting a thorough analysis of the MMA Building's issues. He acknowledged the age of the building and the necessity of renovations but expressed concerns about the need for a detailed budget to guide the project. He agreed that the estimated four-year duration was lengthy and pointed out that inflation and potential variation orders could increase costs for the MMA. He suggested reducing the project timeline to around two and a half years, allowing for a possible six-month extension. To facilitate this, he recommended securing adequate funding upfront to start the work immediately. He also supported the installation of solar panels for significant electricity savings and emphasized the need for an energy-efficient system.
- Dr. Koh Kar Chai responded by stating that a detailed budget would only be available after further discussions. He explained that they had just completed the Dilapidation Report and still needed to consult with the project team before preparing a budget, which would then be shared with the MMA Exco/Council.
- Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran A/L Nadason@Darzin (Selangor) shared his long-standing involvement with the MMA Building, beginning during his tenure as PPSMMA Chairman. He strongly agreed with incorporating solar panels into the renovation plans, noting that Malaysia has over 20 solar panel companies, many of which are listed. Regarding the budget increase, he mentioned that a variation of up to 20% is typical. However, he highlighted that the building is becoming progressively older, and most current MMA members lack the sentimental attachment that the founding members had. He recommended considering the construction of an underground car park from the outset, warning that if this proposal were made later during the renovations, it could pose significant issues with Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) approval. He also expressed concern over the high consultancy fees charged by the architect, noting that the RM 800,000 fee, representing 8% of the project cost, seemed excessive. He emphasized that the architect should work efficiently to secure approvals swiftly and that solar panels and the

underground car park should be prioritized before the renovations begin. Additionally, he deemed the proposed four-year renovation period unacceptable, aligning with Dr. David Quek's suggestion of a 24-month timeline. Finally, he stressed the importance of obtaining all necessary approvals from relevant authorities, citing past challenges the MMA faced with the rooftop building and Dewan Bunga Raya.

- Dr. Koh Kar Chai acknowledged his past collaboration with Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran during the
  early planning stages of the MMA Building renovation. He confirmed that he is well-versed in
  the matters raised by Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran. Regarding the suggestion of constructing an
  underground car park, Dr. Koh stated that this decision would be left to the MMA Exco for their
  consideration.
- Dr. Gayathri A/P K. Kumarasuriar (Melaka) said that while she is confident that the renovation team will do a very good job internally, but she inquired about the suggested brown colour for the newly renovated building as shown in the Concept Design. Dr. Koh Kar Chai explained that it was only a concept design to show the claddings and all that, but the actual design will depend now on the Consultant that the MMA is working with because in the concept design, they can really design anything they want, but some of them may not be feasible based on materials, costs and all that. Dr Gayathri A/P K. Kumarasuriar (Melaka) expressed her confidence in the renovation team's ability to execute the internal work effectively. However, she raised a question regarding the proposed brown colour for the newly renovated building as indicated in the Concept Design. Dr. Koh Kar Chai clarified that the presentation was merely a conceptual design intended to illustrate the claddings and related elements. However, the actual design will now be determined by the Consultant. In the concept design, the designers have the freedom to design anything they wish, but certain options may not be feasible due to material costs and other factors.
- Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor) extended his congratulations to Dr. Koh Kar Chai for assuming such a challenging role. He expressed strong endorsement for the initiative of MMA exploring solar panels, as he was convinced there exists a method to utilise them for rainproofing and reducing leakage effectively. Concerning the overruns, he acknowledged that many are unavoidable; however, as the project extends in duration, the likelihood of overruns increases. He also agreed with the previous suggestions to limit the project's duration to two years, with an additional six-month extension for the Architect. He emphasized that if the Architect could not meet this timeline, MMA should consider finding another architect. He noted that inflation rates of 7 to 10% per year will impact costs and stressed that having a budget does not mean MMA should waste money.
- Dr. Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor) highlighted the importance of addressing environmental issues in relation to solar panels. He emphasized that as a leading medical organization, MMA should seriously consider environmental concerns, a point also mentioned by the Sarawak Deputy Premier Minister for Public Health, Housing, and Local Government in his speech. He acknowledged that cutting down trees is a sensitive issue and, while it may sometimes be necessary, it should be properly justified. He suggested that the MMA Exco and

the Building Committee conduct a thorough consultation and prepare a detailed report on the environmental impact and implications for the building. This report would help support the case for any necessary tree removal.

#### Note:

The resolution required a two-thirds majority, as it involved an expenditure above RM 500,000 (Clause 10 (3)(iv) of the MMA Constitution).

The House voted, and the resolution was adopted.

Total number of votes cast: 107.

[Accept: 94 (87.85%) Reject: 13 (12.15%)]

### Final comments by the President 2024/2025:

- The MMA Exco acknowledged and took note of the two primary concerns raised during the discussion: the use of solar panels and the project time duration.
- On the solar panels, the President mentioned that the technology has already been considered, and the MMA will revisit the matter to ensure it aligns with the best practices.
- On the project duration, the President clarified that although four years is the duration signed off with the architect for planning, he does not anticipate that it will actually take that long. The MMA Exco recognized the concerns raised about the time frame and agreed that it should be kept reasonable.
- Regarding the additional budget, as explained by Dr. Koh Kar Chai, it will serve as a buffer and will only be utilized if necessary. The Exco is committed to ensuring that MMA gets its full value for any amount spent.

For information.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2**

Dr. Selvarajah a/I Sathaya (W. Persekutuan) presented the following resolution:

### Resolution on MMA Candidate for the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) Elections

### **Preamble:**

We all know the importance of representation in the Malaysian Medical Council and with the difficulties to be elected in the current scenario. We have had numerous active and well-suited MMA candidates standing for election every time and not succeeding, not due to their weakness but due to the election process itself. Therefore, we need to unite and ensure that our MMA candidates are given the opportunity to be elected into the Malaysian Medical Council to further our Association visions.

### **Resolution:**

That the members of the Association hereby agree that the Council of the Association select a suitable candidate amongst the members contesting any Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) elections to be endorsed as the official MMA candidate. This is to ensure that our members are given an official MMA candidate to vote for increasing the chances of being elected. This endorsement will not interfere with the rights of any other MMA members standing for election on their own merit.

**Proposer:** Dr Selvarajah Sathaya **Seconder:** Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam

### **Purpose of resolution:**

- Every year, there is ongoing discussion about the MMA's inability to get its representative
  elected to the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC), despite MMA being the premier medical
  association in Malaysia.
- There have been calls for the government to nominate a representative from MMA to the MMC. However, this has not occurred to date. All MMA members receive nominations for the MMC elections annually, yet many are unfamiliar with the candidates.
- Many MMA members vote based on friends' recommendations or personal preferences, leading to skewed election outcomes. Universities tend to dominate the elections, often resulting in disappointment for the MMA when the results are announced.

### Points of Discussion by the MMA Members:

- Datuk Dr. Athimulam (Melaka) expressed concern over the declining voter turnout in MMA elections, noting that the recent election saw only 6.3% voter participation, compared to 11% the previous year. Based on this trend, he believed that even if MMA were to propose an official candidate for the MMC elections, the candidate would likely lose due to a lack of voter engagement among MMA members. He highlighted that the MMC consists of 32 Council members, with 15 appointed members and 17 elected members. Reflecting on the past 35 to 40 years, he recalled seeing more active MMA members in the MMC during those days. Currently, there are only two active MMA members in the MMC, namely Dato' Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira and Prof. Dr. Jayakumar a/I Gurusamy.
- Prof. Dr. Hoe Chee Wai, Victor (W. Persekutuan) supported the idea of identifying at least one official MMA candidate, preferably from among the Council members, to represent the MMA in the MMC elections. He highlighted the issue of MMA members often not knowing who the candidates are when they vote, which reduces the chances of a successful MMA candidate being elected. However, he raised an important question regarding whether such a nomination is allowed under the MMA Constitution or by the Registrar of Societies (ROS). If permitted, Prof. Dr. Hoe believed the MMA should fully support this resolution, ensuring the official candidate is chosen preferably from within the Council.

- Dr. Eratha Krishnan A/L Gobinadan (W. Persekutuan) agreed with endorsing a candidate from the Council or MMA but also brought up the issue of E-voting for MMC elections. He mentioned that the MMC platform is currently unable to support E-voting, which limits participation. He suggested that the MMA should propose to the MMC the option of using MMA's own E-voting platform for MMC elections. If the MMC expresses concerns about the cost, he proposed that the MMA could support and offer its platform to the MMC, potentially increasing voter participation and improving the overall election process.
- Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (W. Persekutuan) supported the idea of having an official MMA candidate but urged members to consider the reputational risk to the MMA. He emphasized that the primary focus should be on pushing for E-voting for MMC elections, which the MMA Exco has been working on since the amendments to the Medical Act. He also cautioned about the potential consequences of endorsing multiple candidates. If the MMA endorses, for example, four candidates, and none of them win while other non-endorsed candidates do, it could reflect poorly on the association. He encouraged MMA members to think carefully about this risk before proceeding.
- Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran A/L Nadason@Darzin (Selangor) supported Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam's view on the low voter turnout in the MMA elections. He pointed out that the MMA represents only about 16,000 members out of more than 100,000 doctors in Malaysia, and it would be undemocratic for the MMA to endorse official candidates and expect its members to vote only for them. He expressed concern that endorsing candidates for the MMC elections could be a waste of time if MMA members do not participate. He emphasized the importance of the MMA staying united, as unity would help secure votes for their candidates. Conversely, if the MMA is divided, it would likely be reflected in the election results.
- Dr. David Quek (W. Persekutuan) shared his experience of being elected to the MMC for five terms before stepping down. He attributed his success in the elections to his active involvement with Berita MMA, which boosted his name recognition. He mentioned that recognition and popularity are key factors in getting elected in Malaysia. He reflected on past changes in MMC regulations, initiated by Dato' Dr. Abdul Hamid bin Abdul Kadir, a former MMA President and long-serving MMC member. Previously, six universities were each allowed to nominate three members for the MMC Council (18 in total). The Constitution was later amended to limit it to nine Appointed Members from Recognized Local Universities & University Colleges, along with three members each from the Public and Private Sectors. Dr. Quek emphasized that the MMA should aim to become part of the Appointed Members on the MMC. He acknowledged that while university representatives often band together and control the election process, statutory bodies like MMA and the Academy of Medicine Malaysia should work towards being allowed to appoint representatives directly. Dr. Quek suggested that this could be achieved through discussions with the Minister of Health. He expressed concern that university-dominated councils tend to exclude other candidates, which could affect the fair representation of the medical community. He praised the fact that MMA currently has Dato' Dr. Kalwinder and

Prof. Dr. Jayakumar on the MMC but stressed that having more MMA representatives is crucial to safeguard the interests of doctors while upholding ethical standards.

- Dr. Vasu Pillai a/I Letchumanan (Penang) raised concerns regarding the endorsement of official candidates by the MMA for the MMC elections. He pointed out that since there are many candidates, most of whom are MMA members, the endorsement of only one or two candidates by the MMA could cause dissatisfaction among other members. Those excluded might question the selection criteria used by the MMA Exco or Council and could potentially challenge the decision, leading to legal issues for the association.
- Dr. Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor) expressed his belief that the MMA should not endorse any candidates for the MMC elections as it would be undemocratic. Instead, he suggested that the MMA could allow any member who wishes to present their manifesto in the Berita MMA to do so. This approach would enable MMA members to be informed about the candidates running for MMC elections without the MMA officially endorsing any candidate. Publicizing the candidates in Berita MMA would be a way to provide information to members, but it should be clear that it is not an official endorsement by the MMA.
- Prof. Dr. Hoe Chee Wai, Victor (W. Persekutuan) disagreed with the claim that endorsing a candidate is undemocratic. He argued that such an endorsement is part of a democratic process. He clarified that the resolution is not about endorsing all candidates but specifically endorsing a Council member of the MMA who is standing for the MMC election. Since Council members are elected by the MMA, endorsing a Council member who is also a candidate for the MMC election reflects the trust of the MMA. He suggested that if the official candidate is the MMA President, for example, it would be expected that the MMA members would support and vote for this candidate.
- Dato' Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak) noted that many MMC Council Members are also MMA members. He pointed out that under the new Medical Act, the number of members from universities has been reduced while the number from the public sector has increased, with the private sector remaining at three members. He acknowledged that endorsing candidates is a double-edged sword due to potential issues with setting criteria, the number of candidates to endorse, and the risk to the MMA's reputation if endorsed candidates are not elected, which could affect the MMA's voice and influence. However, he supported the idea of publishing the manifestos of members standing for MMC elections in the Berita MMA. Regarding e-voting, if permitted, he mentioned that the matter would be discussed further by the MMA Exco/Council, and if agreed upon, he would write to the MMC in his capacity as the President of the MMA.
- Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka), the former Editor of Berita MMA, highlighted that it is unlikely
  that the Berita MMA could offer to publish the manifestos for free. He stated that if
  candidates wish to have their manifestos published, they will need to pay for it. He also
  reminded the General Bodies of the significant reputational risk that MMA faces if its
  selected candidate fails to be elected.

- There were some comments made by the members joining online:
  - ≈ Dr. Long Tuan Mastazamin B. Long Tuan Kechik (Kelantan) supported the resolution but proposed limiting the endorsement to one official candidate. This candidate should only be chosen after winning any of the MMA's elections. Additionally, the candidate should be promoted by the state branches so that members are familiar with the candidate.
  - ≈ Dr Mohamed Sidek Bin Ali (Perak) emphasized that the primary challenge is raising awareness among doctors about the role of the MMC Council and what its members do daily. He stressed the importance of doctors understanding the significance of choosing and voting for candidates. He also supported the idea of urging the MMC to implement electronic voting.

The House voted and the resolution was defeated by the House.

Total number of votes cast: 101

[Accept: 41 (40.59%) Reject: 60 (59.41%)]

For information.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 3**

Colonel (Dr) G. Gnanamalar (W. Persekutuan) presented the following resolution:

### The Establishment of a new MMA Committee on Men's Health

### Preamble:

- 1) A Men's Health Committee within the MMA is timely because men's health issues have become a niche area in healthcare, involving many disciplines such as urology, cardiology, and mental health.
- 2) Furthermore, Men's Health related conditions have now become public health issues, particularly in the face of an increasing number of non-communicable diseases and sexual dysfunction.

### **Resolution:**

The House hereby resolves that:

1) A Men's Health Committee is established to advocate for, to create awareness of, and to promote issues related to adult male health.

### Proposer:

Col (Dr) Ngoo Kay Seong

### Seconders:

- 1. Professor Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai MMA Wilayah Persekutuan
- 2. Colonel (Dr) G. Gnanamalar MMA Wilayah Persekutuan
- 3. Lt Col (Dr) Eugene Tan Choon Li MMA Sabah
- 4. Assoc Professor Dr Sanjiv Rampal a/l Lekhraj Rampal MMA Wilayah Persekutuan
- 5. Dr Hardip Singh Gendeh MMA Wilayah Persekutan

### **Purpose of resolution:**

- According to the statistics, the life expectancy for men in Malaysia is lower than for women, and in many households, men are the primary breadwinners. Men play a significant role in both the economy and national defense.
- Men are at high risk for diseases unique to them, such as prostate issues, hypogonadism, and various stress-related issues.
- Improving men's health is crucial for raising awareness and prevention through screening and regular healthcare, as well as interventions to reduce smoking, alcohol consumption, and promoting healthy behaviors.
- The government has implemented the National Men's Health Plan of Action 2018/2023 via
  the Ministry of Health. As the government strives to provide equitable and universal health
  services, it is time to acknowledge that men's health needs focused attention.
- The MMA currently has committees for adolescent and women's health. As healthcare providers, it is essential to address men's health with equal seriousness, tackling issues such as perceptions, behaviors, and beliefs related to men's health.

### Points of Discussion by the MMA Members:

- Datuk Dr. N. Athimulam (Melaka) expressed support for the resolution on forming the Men's Health Committee but raised concerns that the resolution did not specify the committee's size or who would serve as Chairperson, whether male or female.
- In response, Dr. Gnanamalar stated that the Chairperson's gender is irrelevant, as the committee is made up of doctors who advocate for gender equality. Therefore, the focus should not be on whether a man or a woman holds the Chairmanship.
- Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka) clarified that the composition of the committee would depend
  on the applicants. He suggested the committee could consist of five members, and they
  would collectively choose their chairperson.
- Dr. Krishna Kumaran A/L A. Ramasamy (Selangor) expressed concerns regarding the formation of a Men's Health Committee, citing that the Women's Health Committee, established two years ago, had not been very active and was not functioning as expected. He highlighted the costs involved in forming new committees, such as expenses for meetings. Given that the proposer mentioned gender equality, he proposed that instead of Minutes of 64th MMA AGM Page 41

having separate committees for men's and women's health, the MMA should establish one comprehensive Health Committee to cover all health-related issues. Therefore, he disagreed with the proposed resolution.

- In response to Dr. Krishna Kumaran's concerns, Colonel G. Gnanamalar emphasized that while gender equality is important, the medical issues faced by men are distinct and unique to their gender, just as the issues faced by women are specific to them. She added that because of these differences—both in the medical conditions and the ways each gender handles stress and health—there should be separate committees for men's and women's health. The behavior, attitudes, and approaches to addressing these health concerns differ between genders, justifying the need for dedicated committees.
- Dr. Vasu Pillai (Penang) supported the formation of the Men's Health Committee but emphasized the importance of ensuring that the committee remains active and functional. He recalled facing challenges with the Women's Health Committee during his tenure as Honorary General Treasurer, citing communication difficulties and the lack of activities. He urged the committee to be operational and suggested that if, after two years, the committee fails to perform or organize activities, the MMA Council should consider dissolving it, as inactive committees only add unnecessary costs. He informed the House that the Council had previously dissolved all inactive committees and currently all the committees are active except for the Women's Health Committee.
- Colonel (Dr) Gnanamalar responded by acknowledging that the concern about committee
  activity applies to all MMA committees, with some being more active than others.
  However, she reassured the House that both the proposer and seconders of the Men's
  Health Committee resolution are highly passionate and committed to ensuring the
  committee will be active and functional.

The House voted, and the proposed resolution was adopted by the House.

**Total number of votes cast: 99** 

[Accept: 70 (70.71%) Reject: 29 (29.29%)]

For information.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 4**

Dr. June Lau Fei Wen (Selangor) presented the following resolution:

A resolution to form a committee dedicated to Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare within MMA

### Preamble:

In recent years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a key focus in healthcare globally. The integration of AI into science and medicine heralds a new era of possibilities, from improving Minutes of 64th MMA AGM – Page 42 healthcare systems and advancing drug discovery to transforming patient care. While still in its infancy, AI is rapidly evolving and, with innovation, comes the need to balance the benefits and risks. This necessitates multi-stakeholder collaboration, including government agencies, healthcare organizations, academia, research institutions, and patients, to drive the development and

adoption of AI that is ethical, responsible, and effective.

For too long, doctors have been on the fringes of technological innovation in healthcare, often adopting new tools developed without their direct input. The formation of the Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Committee within the Malaysia Medical Association (MMA) represents a proactive effort to place medical professionals at the forefront of shaping technologies that are tailored to the real-world needs of both patients and practitioners. MMA's involvement will be driven by two fundamental objectives: 1. Leading the charge in setting standards and establishing best practices that will define the future of healthcare, and 2. Cultivating the next generation of AI-empowered

health professionals.

To that purpose, the committee will focus on four key pillars: Education, Partnership, Innovation and Collaboration (EPIC). The goal is to deliver impactful outputs, including dynamic workshops and webinars, active participation in both local and international coalitions, and fostering collaborations

with diverse stakeholders.

This strategic move not only aligns us with national interest and global trends but also underscores a collective responsibility to ensure that Malaysian healthcare remains responsive, innovative, and

patient-centred in the coming decades.

**Resolution:** 

The House resolves that the Council recognizes the Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare as an official committee of the MMA.

This committee shall comprise five (5) members appointed for a term of one year by the Council

and the Chairperson shall be elected by members of this committee.

Proposer: Dr. June Lau

Seconder: Dr. Sivabala Selvaratnam

**Purpose of resolution:** 

In recent years, we have witnessed the meteoric rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), so integration of AI into science and medicine offers unprecedented opportunities today to

rethink and revolutionize how care is delivered.

But with this rapid evolution comes responsibility and as AI continues to grow, we must balance its immense benefits with potential risk and this balance can only be achieved through a structured collaborative approach that brings together private and public

institutions, academia as well as society.

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- For too long, the healthcare professionals have been at the fringes of technological innovation, often adopting tools without being part of the conversations that shape them.
- The formation of this committee built on four pillars of Education, Partnership, Innovation and Collaboration will serve as a platform for the healthcare professionals to come together in shaping Al's future in healthcare, in ways that meet the real-world needs of patients, practitioners and the society.
- This is not just about technology. It is about ensuring that we remain at the forefront of healthcare innovation that is responsive, patient-centred, and above all, human. Together, we can ensure that as AI continue to shape the future of healthcare, it would be guided by the hands of those who understand it best. The professionals who live, breathe, and care for the health and well-being of our communities.

### Points of Discussion by the MMA Members:

- Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (W. Persekutuan) supported the resolution but suggested renaming it to a Digital Health Committee to encompass various digital health components beyond AI.
- The Proposer agreed, and the committee's name was revised to:
   Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare and Digital Health Committee

The House voted, and the proposed resolution on the formation of "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare and Digital Health Committee" was adopted by the House.

**Total number of votes cast: 94** 

[Accept: 88 (93.62%) Reject: 6 (6.38%)]

For information.

### 17. TO DECIDE ON THE VENUE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 17.1 MMA Penang officially requested to host the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2025 & 65th MMA Annual General Meeting. The bid was presented by Dr. Divagar Varatha Raju, the MMA Penang Chairman for the 2024/2025 term. Penang, known as "The Pearl of the Orient," was proposed as the venue.
- 17.2 Dato' Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak), the MMA President for the 2024/2025 term, warmly congratulated MMA Penang and formally announced that MMA Penang will host the event. The National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2025 & 65th MMA AGM is scheduled to take place from 11th to 13th September 2025.

For information.

### 18.1 Remarks from President 2024/2025

- The President for 2024/2025, Dato' Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak), expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the Immediate Past President for 2024/2025, Dr. Azizan Abdul Aziz (W. Persekutuan), for her outstanding contributions. He expressed confidence that Dr. Azizan would continue to play an active role in the MMA Exco/Council.
- Dato' Dr. Kalwinder Singh also extended his gratitude to Dr. Muruga Raj (Johor), the Immediate Past President for 2023/2024, for his exemplary service, and to the rest of the 64th MMA Exco/Council members for their excellent support throughout the year. He warmly welcomed the newly appointed SCHOMOS Chairman for 2024/2025, Dr. Timothy Cheng (Sabah), to the 65th MMA Exco.
- He assured the House that under his leadership, the MMA Exco members would continue to work diligently for the betterment of the Association and its members, highlighting that the MMA is always accountable to its members.

For information.

### 18.2 Presentation by Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien, the Programme Director of Sepeda Amal Borneo (SAB) 2024.

- Dr. Timothy Cheng (Sabah) presented a report on the successful Sepeda Amal Borneo (SAB) 2024 event, held from July 28th to August 3rd, 2024, in Sarawak. The event was a collaborative effort with the ROSE Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on eradicating cervical cancer in Malaysia. The opening ceremony was officiated by Yang Berhormat Dato' Lukanisman bin Awang Sauni, the Deputy Health Minister of Malaysia.
- Key highlights of the presentation included:
  - ≈ The event raised RM 220,000, which was presented by Dato' Dr. Kalwinder to the ROSE Foundation representatives at the closing ceremony, officiated by Deputy Prime Minister Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof at the Pullman Hotel.
  - $\approx$  The funds were shared through the MMA Foundation.
  - ≈ The event was supported by Sarawak Deputy Premier, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Sarawak's Minister of Public Health, Housing, and Local Government, along with other sponsors.

- SAB 2024 featured seven cyclists, including one from the USA, two from Singapore, and four from Malaysia (including Dr. Timothy), who cycled from Miri to Kuching over seven days to raise funds for the ROSE Program.
- Dr. Timothy expressed his deepest gratitude to the MMA Exco and the MMA
   Foundation for their unwavering support over the last three years. He
   acknowledged the trust and mandate given by the Exco to carry the event forward.
   Special thanks were extended to Dr. Liew Shan Fap and Dr. Ong Eng-Joe from MMA
   Sarawak for their continuous support, particularly Dr. Ong Eng-Joe, whose last minute efforts in presenting to the state government helped secure additional
   funds.
- Dr. Timothy made a special mention of the MMA SCHOMOS Secretariat Staff, Ms. Rafikah and Ms. Siti, for their invaluable assistance and contributions, which significantly contributed to the event's resounding success.

For information.

### 18.3 Comments from the MMA Members:

- (a) Dr. Kanwal Nain Singh (Johor)
  - i. Dr. Kanwal was very impressed with the new maze used by the MMA and mentioned it was his first time seeing it.
  - ii. He expressed concern regarding the meeting being conducted by the Honorary General Secretary instead of the President. He pointed out that this was a deviation from long-standing protocol whereby the President is supposed to chair all General Meetings of the Association. He believed that the President should lead the meeting.
  - iii. Regarding the funds channelled through the MMA Foundation, Dr. Kanwal reminded the MMA that the Foundation's profits must be used, otherwise the Foundation's status might be jeopardized. He recounted an incident from around 30 years ago when the MMA lost the Foundation's status due to not utilizing the profits for the MMA, people, and donations, and faced difficulties in restoring it. He advised the MMA to ensure history does not repeat itself and suggested that profits be distributed appropriately. One recommendation was to use the funds to sponsor older MMA Past Presidents who no longer have a source of income, covering their airfares and accommodations so they can attend the AGM in person, if circumstances allow.
  - iv. Finally, Dr. Kanwal congratulated MMA Sarawak for successfully organizing the AGM.

For information.

- 19.1 The President 2024/2025 expressed gratitude to all participants of the 64<sup>th</sup> MMA AGM. It has been a very fruitful discussion; even though they did not always agree on all the points, it is good to see that they all have the interest of MMA at heart. He congratulated everyone on the successful operation of this AGM and looked forward to an even more successful meeting in the coming year.
- 19.2 All members were invited to a forum on Fee Schedule held at the same venue at 4 pm today organized by the MMA.

19.3 With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11.00 a.m.

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