

Thank you...



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What a fantastic year we have had at MMA! My sincere gratitude to my Exco and Council members for their cooperation and support. It has been a fruitful and productive year. Although we were faced with many challenges, we have come through them stronger. This is because my belief is that, together with the cooperation of the Council and members, we can do better for this Association.

We now have a new Government after 61 years. It is a New Malaysia and the torch has been finally passed to the new government and this historical moment reminds me that my term is coming to an end.

I could not be more pleased with our accomplishments, although I certainly cannot fully take credit for them. The credit belongs to the hard-working, passionate, vocal and innovative Council members.

- As of 18 May 2018, the membership recruitment is at 1939 new members. Although my target was 5000, I am quite happy with our achievement. My appreciation to SCHOMOS and all those responsible in this achievement.
- We have created and launched a new and improved website.
- Continuing Professional Development has been a hot issue during my term. Medical practitioners have become stressed since the requirements were announced. To make it as simplified as possible, MMA has introduced the MMA-CPD-Mobile Apps. This can be utilised by Specialists, Non-specialists and those in the Government, Armed Forces and Universities. We understand that a sudden change in regulations create confusion. However, the MMA secretariat is always at your service and I personally deal with this matter. We have been providing training on the use of the mobile apps to the doctors and

the CPD providers. We have been in discussion to further enhance and improve the CPD system. Further, this is provided to our doctors without any charges as a part of MMA's Corporate Social Responsibility.

- 26 August 2017, MMA launched a support group "HELPDOG" for doctors in distress. It has been a tremendous success.
- Revision of 7th Fee Schedule – this is in the final stages and probably awaiting the Health Minister's signature.
- FOMEMA – the mental health assessment difficulty has been clarified and they have agreed that we only do an assessment by observation. As for the software for transmission, it is in final discussion. The FOMEMA is intentionally delaying and causing unnecessary difficulties.
- The Third-Party Administrator issues are being solved and the finale will be only after the revision of the 7th Fee schedule. This affects the Specialists too and we in MMA are trying to solve these woes.
- Our strong involvement in social media and engaging members on issues. This has been very successful and proactive.
- I attended several international meets namely British Medical Association, World Medical Association, Indonesian Medical Association AGM, Singapore Medical Association Annual Dinner, MASEAN, CMAAO, Australian Medical Association Annual Conference. This has been very educational and a learning experience but a very exhaustive schedule. It is not a holiday as perceived by some.
- DBKL premise license has been settled, with clinics being exempted.
- Junior Doctors Network – for the first time Malaysia introduced the attendance of 4 JDN doctors from SCHOMOS to attend the MASEAN

Meeting (Medical Associations of South East Asian Nations).

- Rebranding of MMA, with the AGM now being called the National MMA Convention & Scientific Congress is just one of them.
- We have a collaboration with GE Healthcare/IDS where members of MMA are given discounted rates for attending ultrasound workshops.
- We have managed to save cost by going paperless for all meetings and all notices are sent electronically unless requested otherwise. There has been a substantial saving because of these cost-cutting measures.
- What can MMA do for you? Further to all the issues being attended to, we have managed to get discounts for members from motor vehicle companies, hotels, Air Asia – our travel partner and many more. Please refer to the website.
- MMA now has a Chief Operating Officer (COO), Ms Rissa, who manages the secretariat and other issues with a full management and financial report to the Council every month. This is the first time this has been done and it has been found to be very successful.

As this will be my final article as a President, I am proud to inform that my team and I have managed to overcome various issues and establish alternative avenues for our members to the problems that they are facing. "We, at Malaysia Medical Association (MMA), may not be able to solve all the problems faced by the members, however, we have taken various measures and steps to at least lessen the burden that you have.

Our objective to serve members is not limited to those of senior members or private practitioners, we also care about our student members who have been increasing in numbers over the past years. We understand their serious problems after qualifying and the long waiting time to be employed as House-officers.

Throughout this term, my team and I have been involved in various meetings, be it governmental and non-governmental agencies. Our aim is to make sure MMA has a representative at the meetings invited and involve as much as possible with discussions held. Through this engagement, we

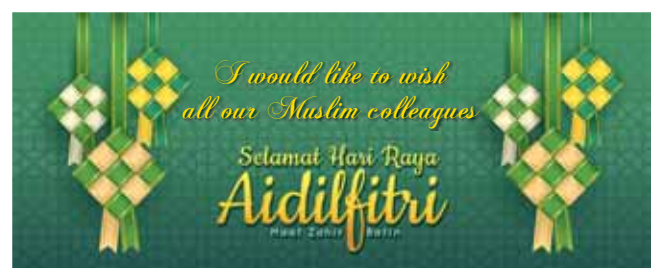
hope to keep our members updated with the issues that have been circling in the local and international setting of the healthcare system.

To make our voice to be heard, we have been actively sending our views and opinions through the media, namely the printed media and mass media. We have also been invited to various interviews on TV and Radio to highlight issues faced by medical practitioners.

This year at MMA, we will be organising the Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO) in Penang. It is a prestigious conference whereby medical associations from Asia and Oceania will come together and discuss various issues relating to medicine. This year, I have been elected as the President 2018/19. Junior Doctors' Network (JDN) session was first introduced in the Medical Association of South East Asian Nations (MASEAN) and the introduction will be preceded by other countries. And for the first time, we will introduce a JDN session in CMAAO.

My team and I have faced various challenging episodes during my tenure for the betterment of the medical fraternity. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Council Members and Exco Members for the full cooperation that they have given me. I also would like to thank the secretariat staff for all their demanding work in managing this association and providing the utmost best service to all the members and finally, thank all the MMA members for the support that you give me. I hope that you will continue to give your support to this association.

As I move from President to Past President in June, I assure this is not a farewell. I hope to continue giving to the organisation, and I encourage all our members to remember your lifelong commitment. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to lead this organisation.



My Journey as President of MMA

The Star - 1 June 2017

MMA urges ministry to review work hours of doctors

PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian Medical Association Health Ministry to review the work hours of doctors.



Malay Mail - 17 June 2017
Doctors cry foul over DBKL's premises fee for clinics

The Star - 15 June 2017

Implement Pathology Lab Act, says MMA

KUALA LUMPUR: The Pathology Laboratory Act 2007 - passed 10 years ago - must be quickly implemented to stop indiscriminate and unnecessary blood screening tests which often cause false alarms and



Malay Mail - 22 June 2017

Doctors: Ministry, medical council must address concerns about third-party admins

The Health Ministry and the Malaysian Medical Council must address concerns about third-party administrators (TPA) who are



The Star - 27 August 2017
Helpdoc complaint line to help doctors deal with stress
KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) has set up a toll-free line.



Malay Mail - 3 July 2017

BM waiver can stem medical bleed, says MMA

KUALA LUMPUR, July 3 - The MMA says a blanket waiver for the Basic Medical (BM) fee can help stem the medical industry's financial bleed.



Malay Mail - 12 August 2018

MMA: Doctors, facing dim prospects at home, venture abroad

The MMA says doctors are leaving Malaysia due to dim prospects at home.



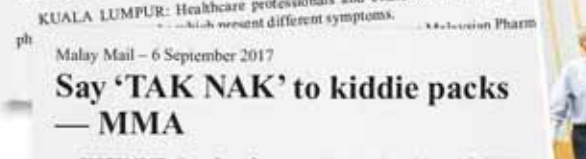
Helpdoc to aid medical grads
Scheme aims to mentor those waiting for housemanship



News Strait Times - 7 September 2017

Public, healthcare professionals urged to be mindful of various symptoms of dengue

KUALA LUMPUR: Healthcare professionals and consumers must be aware of various symptoms of dengue.



Malay Mail - 6 September 2017

Say 'TAK NAK' to kiddie packs - MMA

SEPTEMBER 6 - In reference to the ongoing debate of 'kiddie pack' cigarettes, Malaysian Medical Association would like to express its views in condemning such registration.



1,700 Sertai 'MMA-SCHOMOS Charity Health Run 2018'

PUTRAJAYA- Seramai 1,700 orang menyertai acara larian sihat sambil beramal MMA-SCHOMOS Charity Health Run 2018 yang diadakan buat julang kalinya di Taman Wetland hari ini. vice-president

Malay Mail - 14 January 2018

Amputating limbs under hudud law violates medical regulations, says MMA

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 14 - The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) backed the Health Ministry today in objecting to Kelantan's proposed recruitment of surgeons to carry out the hudud