

# A Word from the President

## MMA's Role in the Pandemic

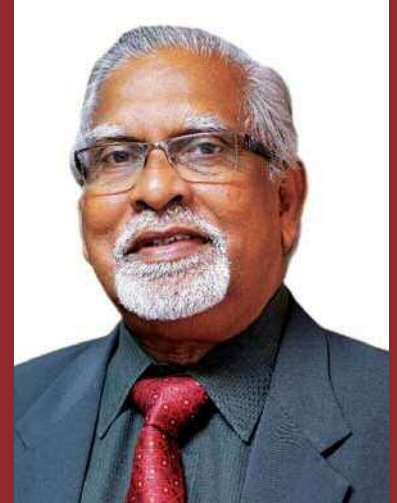
I am proud and pleased that MMA is playing a significant role in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic. Right from the start, when the country went into panic mode upon discovering that the SARS-CoV-2 virus had made an entry into the country, it was MMA alongside MOH that helped bring calm, assuring Malaysians we will get through this. At the time, Malaysians panicked even at 100 new daily cases.

This month, I would like to take the opportunity to share with members and even non-members who may be reading this, some of the ways MMA had played a special role in managing the pandemic.

For most of last year, MMA had continually highlighted the need for increased involvement of the private sector in managing the pandemic. It took almost a year before the Health Ministry was finally convinced it needed the services of our private GPs in the mandatory screening of foreign workers in the country. The programme, made possible through a public private collaboration with SOCSO, was finalised towards the end of last year with more than 1,500 GPs registered to participate. Since then, many private GPs have been conducting tests on-site all over the country.

I am also pleased that as many as 1,000 private GPs are now involved in vaccinating the population. We believe more will soon get on board over the next few weeks as the government ramps up its vaccination programme.

MMA had also raised funds for those affected by the pandemic. Last year, during our Immediate Past President Datuk Dr Ganabaskaran's term, MMA launched a national relief fund through a collaboration with Shopee where close to RM1mil was raised.



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Late last year, MMA's Sabah branch launched an MMA Sabah COVID-19 fund in aid of the state when it was battered by an avalanche of infections after the state held its state polls. Over RM2 million was raised and funds collected were used to purchase medical and laboratory equipment for the state. Several life-saving medical equipment were also purchased and delivered to a number of public healthcare facilities in other states.

These initiatives would not have been possible without the sheer dedication of our Exco, the secretariat, state branches and the generous contributions from corporate and personal donors. I wish to thank all who have made it possible.

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Going forward this month, I will be discussing with our Exco members on how some of the funds we have available can be used to help those in need. I view with deep concern, the White flags that have been raised. It is time we extend our help. **B.M.M.A**

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