

MMA Book Launch: The Prime Minister's Message



Improving the health of all Malaysians and curtailing diseases has always been a priority for the Government.

Increasing life expectancy, the growing number of doctors per head of our population, lowered infant mortality and the reduction of afflictions such as blindness and hearing problems are heartening signs of success in the healthcare field. As a nation we have also managed to keep at bay sporadic incidences of serious public health problems such as dengue fever and foot and mouth disease and we have in place public health programmes for the management of such newer diseases as obesity and diabetes.

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There is little doubt that the healthcare system in Malaysia is among the best in the world and we are also fast becoming a successful hub for medical tourism, thereby helping our neighbours to improve their health.

These achievements could not have been possible without the dedication and perseverance of many parties, one of which undoubtedly being the Malaysian Medical Association.

Fifty five years of loyal servitude to the Nation, not only to the practice of medicine but also towards collaborative efforts in continuously working with the Government for the betterment of medicine as evidenced throughout this book.

The relationship between the Ministry of Health and the Malaysian Medical Association is one that is steadfast and symbiotic, resulting in countless advancements in medicine, representation of Malaysia in the global arena, the general business practices of doctors and the welfare of the public in receiving the best treatment and care possible. This relationship deserves praise and unbridled support.

As some readers would know,

my family and I have had a long association with the MMA. My father, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein as Prime Minister in fact attended the opening ceremony of the current headquarters of the MMA in Jalan Pahang opposite the General Hospital in Kuala Lumpur. I have attended a number of special events of the MMA and always found the discussions we have both informative and constructive.

Our vision for Malaysia to be a successful 21st century nation is within sight, but it is imperative that we have remembered that our achievements had their foundation in the hard work, dedication and sacrifices of our forefathers. That is why this fifty five year commemorative book is so important. It is important that we recognise the rich history and vibrant and influential personalities that brought the MMA to the respected and iconic position it now holds.

Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate the Malaysian Medical Association on this historic milestone. The MMA's unwavering support for doctors and patients does not go unnoticed and I know the MMA will continue its best efforts in improving the healthcare of our nation and the welfare of all doctors in Malaysia.