

EDITORIAL

Birth of a New Era

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Universiti Putra Malaysia has been in existence since 1996, and has produced more than a thousand doctors and scientists in Health Sciences. Research is being actively pursued by faculty staff members and postgraduate students in health sciences, and before long by postgraduate medical students too. Our active interest in postgraduate medical education has stimulated the Malaysian Medical Association to team up with us to organise the first ever seminar on postgraduate medical education in Malaysia this year.

As we approach our tenth birthday, I am proud to announce another important milestone namely, the birth of our journal, the **Malaysian Journal of Medicine and Health Sciences** (MJMHS). Our goal of attaining research university status will definitely be enhanced by the publication of this journal.

The MJMHS will provide an avenue for researchers to share their findings. It is imperative that researchers, especially up-and-coming researchers realise the importance of publishing their work. Many researchers in our faculty have discovered important and useful findings and I hope more of these results are published in peer-reviewed journals including the MJMHS, besides presenting at conferences. With world class researchers in our midst, their publications will inspire and guide us to greater heights.

The inaugural issue has taken us almost a year to materialise, reflecting how thorough the editorial board members have been in ensuring international standards for the MJMHS. I must thank them for their dedicated support and hard work towards establishing the MJMHS as one of the premier journals in the broad field of medicine and health sciences. The reviewers have also been very professional and helpful in their reviews, and I am sure this has helped the young authors to improve their writing.

We welcome contributions to MJMHS including original and review articles, case reports and short communications from Malaysia and overseas.

It is my sincere hope that this inaugural issue will trigger more researchers including postgraduate students to submit articles to the MJMHS.

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