



MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

FIFTY FIVE YEARS

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From the Editors

It was intended to be a book on the history of the Malaysian Medical Association to be launched at the 50th MMA Anniversary Celebrations. This however, did not happen and the project did not take off. There were then more pressing issues at hand, and the project was shelved.

Revived again in mid 2014, to be completed as a book documenting, this time, 55 years of its existence, its development, its progress and honouring its founding fathers. The Editors accepted it as an honour to be given this opportunity; it appeared to be not a very difficult assignment in the beginning. As we progressed, we realised it has been a monumental task, 55 years in history, the absence of long serving secretarial staff and the many thousands of photographs to sieve through was indeed difficult. Unfortunately for us, there was no MMA Archives as a unit documenting and preserving historical records or a person responsible for archives. There was however some relief, a book of 70 pages entitled 'The History of MMA: The First 35 Years' was published in 1995 and was available!

We roped in two Past Presidents, Dr David Quek and Dato Dr NKS Tharmaseelan as well as Dr Azizan Aziz into the Editorial Board to give it more strength! After many sessions of pouring

through the material, it was decided that the book will take the form of a narrative of the events of the MMA from a national perspective. This was a difficult decision, limited to 250 pages, a 55 year history of probably the most prominent National Association of Professionals in this country. We had to extract the most pertinent information only from the branches that had submitted. Most Presidents have been interviewed in person or through correspondence, some senior members have given their input, a few have done independent reviews of the drafts. Finally, we had to settle and draw the line, after 12 consecutive drafts, to this final form today.

We wish to thank each of the contributors for their support in providing historical information, interviews and photographs. More important than that, we owe sincere apologies to those whose services to the MMA could not be acknowledged in this manuscript, either for lack of records or absence of photographs at MMA or due to our own failing. We strongly feel that there must be more research undertaken by dedicated persons and further publishing, with the objective of documenting many more events, the history and role of the Branches and the Societies of the MMA. This will complement the current publication before we lose more of our history.



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