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Message from the Editors

This book has been written to document and record our history and achievements for future reference.

We had the privilege of leading the editorial team and our consultant writers, Decalais Sdn Bhd, that completed this book. It was an eye-opening experience to research the history of the Society and to talk to the pioneers of our profession in Malaysia.

We all owe a very great debt of gratitude to the early ENT specialists who established the Society against the odds and built up the numbers and stature of the Society through sheer hard work and dedication.

Our heartfelt thanks to the editorial team for their unstinting assistance in this project and to the many people who contributed through their ideas, interviews and photographs. This book would not have been possible without the support, advice and inputs that the editorial team received.



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Foreword

In Malaysia, we are fortunate to enjoy high standards of healthcare due to a far-sighted and visionary Government that recognizes the immense role of a healthy nation in the development of a productive economy. Malaysians are blessed with the ability to have easy access to both primary care as well as specialist healthcare at a very reasonable cost, throughout the country. We have specialists in every field of medicine and a medical education system that continuously refreshes the system for the present and future generations.

However, this high standard of healthcare only came about through the altruistic and selfless service, dedication and foresight of earlier generations of doctors as well as other healthcare professionals. They have built the medical profession into what it is today, from just a rudimentary system that was inherited from the British.

There are many inspirational anecdotes of commendable dedication to service as well as the long hours that have been put in as members of every specialty built up their skills and their professional associations. How the ENT specialists established and nurtured what is now the Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists Head / Neck Surgeons (MSO-HNS) is one such exemplary story.

This book brings into perspective how remarkable the journey has been. Whilst there was a dire shortage of medical doctors at the time of Independence, it is an eye-opener to know that even in the 1970s, there were just a handful of ENT specialists in the whole of the public healthcare system, serving the entire country. We have progressed by leaps and bounds since then.

Not only has the number of specialists grown in the past thirty years, through initiatives such as the establishment of a local Masters qualification, there has also been advancement in techniques, local research and inventions as well as innovations.

I can recommend this as a well-researched book that is easy to read, which is testament to the efforts of so many doctors who built MSO-HNS 'step by step' over the years. Their story deserves to be told and it makes for fascinating reading as well as being a shining beacon for generations of specialists to come.

Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai

Minister of Health Malaysia

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