

# MSO Express

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Dear MSO members,

It has been a rollercoaster ride in the past few months since our last edition was published. We are finally starting to see the effects of the Covid-19 vaccination drive as the nation slowly eases into recovery mode. While restrictions are being lifted for most of us, it is always prudent to still maintain social distancing and wearing of mask. Let us all be careful not to be complacent to cause another wave of the disease.

### October 14 is World Sight Day 2021

The second Thursday of October every year is a significant day for all eyecare providers, as it is when we observe the annual World Sight Day (WSD). This day is a reminder for all of us to intensify our efforts on detection and treatment of vision impairment and blindness suffered by many people worldwide. This year's theme is "**Love Your Eyes**", and the call to action is "**Everyone Counts**". We should encourage our family and friends to have their eyes checked to preserve their good vision as well as to detect any ocular pathology. We might not be able to get everyone's eyes checked, but we can start with our own circle of friends and relatives first.

In conjunction with this year's World Sight Day, the Society, together with the Malaysia Advocacy on Myopic Prevention (MAMP) under the auspices of our Paediatric Ophthalmology Special Interest Group, will be organising a series of events throughout the week of October 11 – 17. Do watch out for the event announcements in our Facebook pages!



In this issue, we are proud to publish the results of the Cataract Surgery Practice Trend survey among eye doctors in Malaysia. This survey was conducted by our Malaysian Young Ophthalmologist Special Interest Group (MYOSIG) with some interesting results. Do check it out!

For our Personality Focus this time, we feature the story of Prof Dr Wan Hazabbah Wan Hitam, who was conferred the Distinguished Service Award

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by the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) during its recent Virtual Congress 2021. In the interview, we delve into the early years of Prof Wan, his proudest moments as well as his hopes for the neuro-ophthalmology subspecialty in Malaysia.

The editorial team warmly welcome any contribution of articles or ideas for this newsletter from our MSO members. If writing is your forte or you have an interesting suggestion that we can follow up on, please do write to us at [admin@mso.org.my](mailto:admin@mso.org.my).



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**WORLD SIGHT DAY 2021**

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**f LIVE 11 OCT 2021 • MON • 8 PM** (<https://fb.me/e/2leyFW4gw>)

MYOPIA (SHORT-SIGHTED) – WHAT ABOUT IT?  
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**f LIVE 12 OCT 2021 • TUE • 8 PM** (<https://fb.me/e/IRHmoN4D>)

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**B 14 OCT 2021 • THU • 10.30 AM**

BERNAMA  
 JOM SEMBANG TENTANG RABUN (Tune into Bernama Radio)  
Dr Miswan Muiz

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MYOPIA (SHORT-SIGHTED) – IS THERE A CURE?  
Prof Dr Choo May May and Dr Miswan Muiz

**f 16 OCT 2021 • SAT • 9 AM** (<https://fb.me/e/3RkXROslw>)

OUR MISSION TO PROTECT OUR FUTURE GENERATION  
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MYOPIA - A SHORT-SIGHTED PROBLEM NEEDS FAR-SIGHTED SOLUTIONS  
Dr Choong Yee Fong  
Animation video by MAMP  
Quiz with free vouchers

**f LIVE 17 OCT 2021 • SUN • 3 PM**

THE EFFECT OF LOCKDOWN ON CHILDREN'S EYE WITH DR NORAZAH (TALKING 'LIFE' WITH MEI SZE)  
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