



WELCOME MESSAGE



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Dear fellow Ophthalmologists,

Welcome to the second issue of the MSO Express, the online newsletter of the Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology (MSO). This newsletter aims to keep our members updated on the latest development in the Malaysian Ophthalmology scene and to share short articles written by local sub-specialist experts. The most interesting part of each issue is probably our Personality Focus where we get to know better some of our MSO members and their interests. This issue focuses on Dr. Nor Fariza Ngah, who is the current Head of Ophthalmology Services, Ministry of Health (MOH) Malaysia. She is also the Scientific Committee Chairperson of the 11th Asia-Pacific Vitreo-retina Society (APVRS) meeting that will be hosted in Kuala Lumpur (KL) next December.

I would like to congratulate the 1Malaysia Cataract project, led by Dr. Mohd Aziz Salowi from MOH Malaysia. He and his team recently conducted charity cataract surgery for the needy in Sabah. The intraocular lenses that cost a total of RM10,000 were donated by the MSO as part of

the society's efforts to reduce the rates of preventable blindness. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the surgeons that were involved, including Dr. Shuaibah bt Abdul Ghani, Dr. Sheena Mary Alexander, Dr. Wan Mohd. Hafidz bin Wan Abdul Rahman, Dr. Amelia Lim Lay Suan, Dr. Syed Shoed Ahmad, Dr. Vindhya a/p Prem Kumar, Dr. Penny, Dr. Praveen and Dr. Nazirah Hasnan.

The MSO's recent World Sight Day project continues to focus on early detection of diabetic retinopathy via our Eye Photo Project supported by Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN).

I am also very proud to note that our glaucoma specialists including Professor Liza Sharmini, MSO President Dr. Fang Seng Kheong, former MSO Treasurer Datin Dr. Thayaniti Sandragesu, former MSO Assistant Secretary Associate Professor Norlina Ramli, Associate Professor Azhany Yaacob, co-authored a recent paper on angle closure glaucoma genetics in a top ranked journal: Nature Genetics 2016 May;48(5):556-62.

MSO was recently chosen to host the Asia Pacific Glaucoma Congress (APGC) in 2020 in KL. I look forward to seeing you at our next MSO Annual Meeting on March 25-26, 2017 that will be held in KL. It will focus on medico legal challenges facing ophthalmologists and also have a comprehensive grand round which will feature challenging cases from different sub-specialties presented by our local specialists from around the country.