

## WORLD SIGHT DAY / HARI PENGLIHATAN SEDUNIA



Parr of the crowd of 1000 people at Stadium Negeri undergoing thorough eye tests and consultation.

The Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology (MSO) held its biggest ever social services program during World Sight Day 2017, by giving free eye examinations to the public at the Stadium Negeri Kuala Terengganu on 14 and 15 December, sponsored by the Sultan Mizan Royal Foundation (YDSM).

“It is not only the biggest so far, but also the first free eye check that the MSO has held for the people of Terengganu,” said MSO president Dr Kenneth Fong Choong

Sian, adding that previous such campaigns were held in Selangor in 2015 and Perak in 2016.

“People generally shy away from health checks in fear of discovering diseases like high blood pressure and diabetes, or of facing surgery. So MSO’s objective is to make it more accessible be more approachable for people to get their eyes checked. It is a lot of effort to bring over the machines and to coordinate the



YDSM Board of Trustees member Dato Haji Mohd Fadli bin Yusof (front row, third from right) and the MSO Superteam of volunteer doctors who sacrificed their weekend on World Sight Day 2017

manpower, but the whole point is to go to where the patients are who don't have direct access to healthcare," said Dr Fong.

Over 1000 members of the public from all over the state including Dungun, Setiu, Besut and Kemaman, were brought to the stadium to undergo the complimentary consultations and eye tests which were carried out by 15 ophthalmologists from MSO, 15 optometrists from the Association of Malaysian Optometrists (AMO), as well as volunteers from the state hospital, Hospital Sultanah Nurzahirah.

Also present were YDSM Board of Trustees member Dato Haji Mohd Fadli bin Yusof, MSO exco member Datuk Dr Haji Mohd Johari bin Haji Mohamad, and AMO vice-president Ahmad Fadhullah Fuzai. Volunteer staff also came from YDSM, Universiti Kolej Bestari, Klinik Kesihatan Hiliran, Kuala Terengganu City Hall, and the Terengganu State departments of Health, Works, Broadcast, Communications, and Social Welfare.