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Happy New Year



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Moving On, 2017!

We move on to 2017, with a hope and prayer that this coming year will be a year more peaceful, comfortable, and generally happier for all of us, be it the family or the profession. The challenges we had faced in the year 2016 have been enormous, I do not wish to remind or recall the many issues that had surfaced globally, nationally and for the profession. Thankfully we had weathered the year and are here to move forward with some optimism. God Bless us all!

For the MMA, the cycle starts again! The National Elections for the year 2017/18. Call-for-nominations is out by the Election Committee, and is published in the Berita MMA. The posts are: President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and two Deputy Secretaries. The closing date is 2 March 2017. Members who are passionate of the profession's issues, have time and ideas, and meet the qualifications specified in the MMA Constitution should come forward and offer themselves. The President-Elect for the next term comes from the Central Region, i.e. Wilayah Persekutuan and Selangor. The Editorial Board (EB) would like to advise all candidates to confine their manifestos to one page of the Berita. The EB does not edit election manifestos, it will be published as is.

The 57th Annual General Meeting of the MMA, together with its Scientific Meeting will be held from 18 – 21 May 2017 at the St Giles Wembley Hotel in Penang. The Co-Chairperson Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh will be updating the members on the developments for the AGM in Penang regularly. In this issue of the Berita, a tentative programme is published. The AGM Registration Form and Hotel Reservation Form and further details of the AGM will appear in the February issue of the Berita. Please block your dates to participate in the affairs of the Profession and Association, and treat the family to an enjoyable holiday in Penang; the street food, historical places

of interest, and the Penang Heritage Walk is not to be missed!

The Berita MMA has had a successful 2016. We managed to publish a varied spectrum of articles, contributed by key office bearers and the general membership, interviews with several personalities and at the same time ensuring financial stability. We are happy to announce that for the year 2016, once again, we managed to avoid requesting for funds from the MMA. We have a surplus of RM30,000, but we envisage a difficult year ahead. We have to work tirelessly to get advertisers. We wish to thank the ExCo Members who helped us connect with some organisations, but we will need more help in 2017. The soft copy of the Berita MMA gets uploaded by the first week of each month, and emails of the link are sent simultaneously, with the hope that members will download. We recognise increasing number of members are reading the soft copy, we even had one member write to us to stop sending the hard copy. We may have to progress further in this area to get our tech savvy young doctors to be with us, maybe even a MMA mobile app in the future. The cost of printing hard copies of the Berita has also been increasing each year. We need to look at options, taking cognizance of our membership with an age range of 28 to 90 years. We could live to a 100 years!!

By the time this Berita reaches you, the Xmas and New Year celebrations will be over, and almost all will be at work again. Our Chinese friends will start preparing for 28 January, the Chinese New Year. It is the year of the Rooster, and as I understand, it goes with the character traits of "honesty and confidence and depicts a person who is intelligent and hardworking". Yes, we need all of that!

*Gong Xi Fa Cai to all Readers and
their Families!*

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