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DEAN'S FOREWORD



Dear Delegates of the 34th AMSC 2013 Malaysia,

It is a pleasure to welcome all of you to the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre (UKMMC) for the 34th Asian Medical Students' Conference (AMSC) 2013.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia or more popularly known as UKM was the third university to be established in Malaysia in 1970 and now is recognized as one of the five research universities in Malaysia. Our Faculty produces the most number of doctors and specialists in Malaysia.

AMSA Malaysia is one of the most active medical students' organizations in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. This Association was established in 1985 and the University has always been supportive of its activities. I believe that this Association provides the opportunity for our medical students to reach out to their counterparts in other medical schools locally and abroad. Thus, the University has always actively supported programmes initiated by the Association including free Public Health Screening programmes, Public Health Campaigns in secondary and tertiary educational institutions and also local conferences. Apart from this, AMSA Malaysia has also been given the honour of organizing the 5th Asian Medical Students' Conference (AMSC) and 2 East Asian Medical Students' Conferences (EAMSC) previously. The University strongly believes that with their vast experience in organizing international conferences, AMSA Malaysia is capable of organizing a conference that will provide delegates with brand new experiences.

With the hope that this Conference will act as a platform for our students to show their contributions to the Association and healthcare sector, and also as a bridge for future international collaborations, I am proud to welcome all of you and I wish you a pleasant journey in this conference and an enjoyable stay in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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WELCOMING NOTE

Dear delegates,

First of all, let me extend the warmest welcome of all of you in a traditional Malaysian manner; “Selamat Datang ke Malaysia” (Welcome to Malaysia). I hope that you will have an pleasant time with us throughout the conference. A heartiest congratulation to the Committee is an order, for the success in organizing this extensive 34th Asian Medical Student’s Conference.

The theme of the conference, which is ‘The Incoming Tide of Community Medicine’, is not only relevant but also timely for the new generation of medical students. The progressing world of medicine has seen the teaching of medicine to have a paradigm shift, with greater emphasis on community health medicine in the curriculums. This is fitting as approximately two-thirds of the populations who are in need of health care are in the community using the resources and health facilities in primary care and the community. These include the maternal and child health, care for non-communicable disease and the ever-challenging issues of health and environment’s influence to it. As future doctors of 21st century, the study of medicine should not be confined to the lecture halls and hospitals, but to extend to the community and people living in it, which is what I believe this conference is all about.

This conference is unique, as apart from the academic programs; various other activities have also been planned. A myriad of hands-on experiences, visits to various places, cultural activities and food fiesta carnival, are our ways in showcasing the best of Malaysia. Do experience it, enjoy and bring back the memories to your own countries. Lastly, I do hope that all of you will relish the conference and your stay here in Malaysia .

Thank You

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