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YEAR	EVENT
1899	First documented dental practice by a qualified dental practitioner in Penang.
1929	First government dental clinic set up under the Ministry of Health (MOH) at <i>Jalan Silang</i> (now known as <i>Jalan Tun Tan Siew Sin Kuala Lumpur</i>).
1938	Professor Edgar K Tratman was elected as the first President of Malayan Dental Association. Establishment of this association laid the foundation for organised dentistry and development of the dental profession in the country.
1948	Establishment of the school dental service.
	By 1948 there were 20 government dental officers, 50 private dental practitioners and about 400 registered dentists in practice.
	Introduction of the Dental Nurse Scheme for schoolchildren.
	Commencement of the Dental Training School, Penang with an intake of 5 trainee dental nurses.
1950	Oral Surgery was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.
1951	Formal training of public sector dental mechanics began in the Dental Training School, Penang.
	The first school dental clinic was established at the Batu Road Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur.
1953	Two dental technicians graduated from the Dental Training School, Penang.
1954	Orthodontics was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.
1959	Dental mechanics were re-designated 'dental technicians'.
1961	Dental Public Health was established as a dental specialty area in the Ministry of Health.
1964	The Malayan Dental Association became the Malaysian Dental Association.
1965	The Majlis Jemaah Menteri approved a fixed monthly allowance for holders of Diplomas in Public Health and Medical Officers undertaking public health duties. This allowance was extended to Dental Officers with qualifications in Dental Public Health. [<i>Kertas Memorandum Menteri Kesihatan Bil 604/415/65 dalam KK(S)123(1)</i>]
1967	Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology combined was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.
1969	The Honourable Minister of Health appointed the Committee on Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies in June 1969 'to study and report upon the feasibility of introducing fluoridation of public water supplies as a public health measure in all States of West Malaysia'.

Early 1970s	Establishment of the Oral Healthcare Programme for Antenatal Mothers in the Ministry of Health.
	The Deputy Director of Medical Services (Dental) was re-designated as Director of Dental Services. State Principal Dental Officers (PDOs) became State Dental Directors (<i>Pengarah Pergigian Negeri</i>).
1971	The Dental Act (Act 51) was passed by parliament and gazetted on 30 September 1971. This Act gave long-awaited recognition to the dental profession. The Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) was established under this Act to function as the regulatory body for the dental profession.
	Under the Dental Act 1971, every dental practitioner must be registered with the MDC and is required to have an Annual Practising Certificate (APC) to legally practise dentistry in Malaysia. The MDC continues to be under the administration of the Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health.
	Conduct of the first Dental Epidemiological Survey of School Children in West Malaysia (August 1970 - May 1971).
	The 'Report of the Committee Appointed to Inquire into and Report Upon the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies - West Malaysia 1971' was published.
	The Committee strongly recommended <i>'that fluoridation of public water supplies be instituted in West Malaysia as soon as possible and further recommends that an optimum level of 0.7 ppm fluoride be maintained in the reticulation system'</i> .
1972	The Division II Dentist Register was closed in 1972 following the enactment of the Dental Act 1971.
	The Cabinet Committee approved fluoridation of public water supplies in West Malaysia.
	The University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur (UM) established its Dental Faculty and started its Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme.
1973	Introduction of outreach dental services using land and river transport, popularly known as 'flying squads'.
1974	Conduct of the first Dental Epidemiological Survey of Adults in Peninsular Malaysia (Sept 1974 - April 1975).
1975	The scope of duties for dental nurses (DN) was expanded. DN were trained to provide tooth-coloured restorations on anterior permanent teeth in addition to fillings and extractions for deciduous teeth, dental health education (DHE) and prescribed preventive services for schoolchildren aged 12 and below. They are now also allowed to treat children up to the age of below 18 years.
1976	The first batch of 30 students graduated with Bachelor in Dental Surgery from University of Malaya.

1978	The Dental Services Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia published 'A Report on the Fluoridation Projects in the State of Johore, Malaysia 1964 – 1976'. The report documented a 60.1% reduction in dental caries in permanent dentition and 29.4% caries reduction in deciduous dentition, with the greatest benefit seen among 7-year-olds. Also reported was a five-fold increase of caries-free 7-year-olds from the 1964 baseline data.
1979	Establishment of the National Dental Health Education Unit, Ministry of Health (later renamed the Oral Health Promotion Unit in 1994).
1981	Conduct of the first Dental Epidemiological Survey of School Children in Sarawak 1981.
1982	Start of the two-year Certificate course for Dental Surgery Assistants (DSA) at the Dental Training School, Penang.
1983	Implementation of the Health Management Information System (Dental Sub-system) in the Ministry of Health.
1984	Introduction of the Oral Health Programme for Preschool Children and the Pre-school Mobile Dental Teams. Periodontology was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.
1985	Initiation of the Incremental Dental Care Programme for schoolchildren.
	Paediatric Dentistry was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.
	Conduct of the Dental Epidemiological Survey of School Children in Sabah 1985.
1986	Enunciation of the objective of the Dental Programme, MOH:
	<i>' ... to improve the oral health status of the population through the provision of preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative dental services, with special emphasis given to identified priority groups - primary schoolchildren, secondary schoolchildren, pre-school children, antenatal mothers, the physically-, socially-and economically-disadvantaged, as well as the elderly - in such a way that the oral health status of the nation will continually be in conformity with the socio-economic progress of the country'.</i>
	Conduct of the Epidemiological Survey of Developmental Defects of Dental Enamel in Johore 1986.
1988	Conduct of the Second Dental Epidemiological Survey of School Children in Peninsular Malaysia 1988.
1989	Start of the Oral Health Programme for Trainee Teachers.
1990	Conduct of the first Dental Epidemiological Survey of Adults in Malaysia 1990.

1992	Establishment of the first Paediatric Dental Unit at the Paediatric Institute, Kuala Lumpur Hospital.
	The Director-General of Health launched the Dental Quality Assurance Programme (QAP) on 4 November 1992.
	(The Dental QAP began with nine indicators in 1994 under the National Indicator Approach (NIA). Indicators were also developed and monitored under the District/Hospital Specific Approaches. In 1998, a standard protocol for investigation of shortfalls in quality was developed).
1993	National launch of the Oral Health Programme for the Elderly.
	Introduction of the Dental Surgery Assistant (DSA) distance learning component with the attachment of DSA at designated clinics in respective states as part of the training by the Dental Training College.
1993	A few dental nurses undertook a 3-month training in oral healthcare for children with special needs.
	Expansion of scope for dental technicians into management of equipment with a course on <i>Pengurusan Kelengkapan Rawatan Pergigian</i> .
	Conduct of the first Oral Mucosal Lesion Survey of Adults in Malaysia - collaboration between University of Malaya, the Dental Services Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia and Aichigakuin University, Japan 1993/1994.
1994	The Ministry of Health provided input for the review of the University of Malaya dental degree curriculum. The programme was extended from 4 years to 5 years.
	Dental officers from the Ministry of Health enrolled in the first local postgraduate programme of Master in Community Dentistry in University of Malaya.
	Conduct of the second Dental Epidemiological Survey of School Children in Sarawak 1994.
	The National Dental Health Education Unit was renamed the Oral Health Promotion Unit.
1995	Conduct of the first Dental Epidemiological Survey of Pre-school Children 1995.
	Malaysia signed as a member of World Trade Organization (WTO).
	Malaysia became a member of ASEAN, and was legally bound by the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS), which included dental services.
1996	Initiation of the electronic dental record system for primary oral healthcare in the Ministry of Health.
	The training programmes for dental nurses and dental technicians were upgraded from Certificate to Diploma level.
	<i>Elaun Khidmat Luar Waktu Bekerja Biasa</i> (Out-of-office hour allowances) was extended to all government medical and dental officers.

1996	Recruitment of retired dental officers on contract into the Ministry to offset vacancies in dental officer posts.
1997	Launch of the national Primary Prevention and Early Detection of Oral Pre-cancer and Cancer Programme at Tanah Merah Estate, Negeri Sembilan.
	Conduct of the first National Oral Health Survey for School Children 1997 (NOHSS '97).
	The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) programme began at <i>Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i> (UKM) with an intake of 24 students.
1998	Formal initiation and conduct of post-basic courses for dental nurses, with a 6-month course in Paediatric Dentistry. (Dental nurses had undergone post-basic training in 1993 but these were ad-hoc, of 3-month duration and were not officially endorsed as post-basic training by the Ministry of Health).
	The Dental Services Division, Ministry of Health, produced its first Compendium of Abstract, showcasing research projects by its oral health personnel.
	The Dental Services Division recommended mandatory labelling of fluoridated toothpaste. The revised labelling was approved at the 90th Meeting of the Drug Control Authority, Ministry of Health on 26 February 1998.
	Formulation of the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998 - ' <i>An Act to provide for the regulation and control of private healthcare facilities and services and other health-related facilities and services and for matters related hereto</i> '.
	Under this Act, all private dental clinics must attain minimum standards of facilities, equipment and infection control processes to be registered with the Ministry of Health.
1999	The Dental Services Division was renamed Oral Health Division with approval of the <i>Mesyuarat Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Khas</i> on 5 May 1999 (Special Committee Meeting of the Director-General of Health).
	Start of the School-Based Fissure Sealant Programme following recommendations from NOHSS '97.
	Conduct of the post-basic training in Orthodontics for dental nurses.
	Dental nurses were trained in Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART) Technique.
	Service scheme of dental technicians was upgraded with a name-change to 'Dental Technologists' on 1 January 1999.
	Conduct of the Fluoride Enamel Opacities in 16-year-old Schoolchildren 1999 utilising Dean's Index of Fluorosis.
	The dental degree programme of <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia</i> (USM) began with an intake of 40 students.

2000	Approval given to the first two Oral Surgeons from the Ministry of Health to begin their medical degree programme (MBBS) in University of Malaya.
	Conduct of the National Oral Health Survey of Adults Year 2000 (NOHSA 2000).
	Formulation of the National Oral Health Plan 2010 (NOHP 2010) with identified goals in four areas, namely dental caries, periodontal disease, oral cancer and trauma.
	Conduct of the post-basic training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for dental technologists.
	Dental nurses were trained to use high-speed cutting units to increase productivity and to enhance patients' comfort.
	The Ministry of Health was the major subscriber for the postgraduate programmes of Master in Clinical Dentistry in Oral Surgery, Periodontology, Paediatric Dentistry, Restorative Dentistry and Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology in University of Malaya.
	The Ministry of Health sent 4 dental officers for the first four-year Master in Community Medicine (Oral Health) programme in <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia</i> for the specialty discipline of Dental Public Health/Public Health Dentistry.
2001	The electronic dental record system in the Ministry of Health was expanded to include specialist oral healthcare by the end of 2000.
	Implementation of the three-year mandatory national service for new registrants on and from 29 June 2001 with the Amendment to Part VII of the Dental Act 1971 on 'Supplementary Provisions for National Purposes'. This was instituted to overcome long-standing dental officer shortfalls in the Ministry of Health. 'Guidelines for Compulsory Service' were formulated.
	Conduct of the post-basic training in Orthodontics for dental technologists.
	The 'History of Dentistry in Malaysia' Exhibition was launched at the National Museum from 30 August - 15 October 2001 in conjunction with the World Dental Congress 2001 (Federation Dentaire Internationale 2001) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 27 September - 1 October 2001.
	The Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health produced its first coffee table book 'Through the Dental Mirror - History of Dentistry in Malaysia' in celebration of FDI 2001.
2002	Launch of the MS ISO 9000 quality system for the Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health on 11 September 2001 by the Secretary-General of the Ministry.
	Melaka Tengah was the first district to achieve ISO certification in 2001, followed by the district of Kuala Terengganu.
	Conduct of post-basic training in Periodontology for dental nurses.
2002	Formulation of 'Guidelines for Accreditation of Dental Degree Programme for Institutions of Higher Learning'.

	Dental nurses were trained to use ultrasonic scalers. Approval of 'critical allowance' for dental officers at 5% of basic emolument in November 2002. A Cabinet Memorandum decision on 9 January 2002 approved the recruitment of foreign dental officers on contract in the Ministry of Health.
2002	The Oral Health Division, MOH was awarded the MS ISO 9001:1994 certification by the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU). The first edition of the 'Position Statement on the Use of Dental Amalgam' was accepted by the Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) on 6 June 2002. The document clarified the stand of the MDC on the continued use of amalgam in the country. Conduct of the study 'Cost Analysis of Private Primary Care Services in Malaysia' in collaboration with the Medical Practice Division, MOH, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and the Primary Care Doctors of Malaysia (PCDOM). (The findings were used to discuss the Dental Fee Schedule under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998 in 2004). The Oral Health Division, MOH mooted the study 'Mercury exposure in dental health personnel' with officers from the Environmental Health Research Centre of the Institute for Medical Research as principal investigators. The study was completed in 2005. The Guidelines for Primary Prevention & Early Detection of Oral Pre-Cancer and Cancer Programme were reviewed. First group of 18 students graduated with the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from <i>Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i>.
2003	The Oral Health Clinical Information System (e-SMKP) was piloted beginning May 2003 at three locations - Ampang Dental Clinic, Cheras Batu 9 Dental Clinic and Selayang Hospital. The Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health conducted a collaborative study with the Clinical Research Centre network on 'Cross cultural Adaptation and Validation of the Geriatric Oral Health Assessment Index (GOHAI) for use in Malaysia'. The Oral Health Division contributed data to the National Burden of Disease study under the Public Health Institute of the Ministry. The Dental Training School was renamed Dental Training College Malaysia, Penang on 15 April 2003. Arrival of the first group of dental practitioners from Indonesia to serve the Ministry of Health on a contract basis of not more than 10 years (renewable every 3 years) pursuant to the Cabinet Memorandum approval of January 2002. Establishment of the Malaysian Oral Cancer Tissue and Data Bank in collaboration with the Dental Faculty, University of Malaya.

2004	Restructuring of the Oral Health Division, MOH on 1 February 2004.
	The Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health moved from the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) to Level 5, Block E10, Parcel E, Precinct 1, Putrajaya on 18 December 2004.
	Conduct of post-basic training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for dental nurses.
	Restorative Dentistry was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.
	Accreditation exercises were undertaken for two local institutions' dental undergraduate programmes, two institutions in Indonesia and 12 institutions in India.
	The Ministry of Health dental officers were sent for the 4-year Master in Public Health postgraduate programme of University of Malaya in Dental Public Health/Public Health Dentistry.
	Postgraduate programme in Orthodontics began in <i>Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i> in 2004.
	First group of 29 students graduated with the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia</i> .
	Launch of the Oral Health Division website (http://ohd.moh.gov.my) on 8th November 2004.
	Approval of the Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) by the MOH ICT Steering Committee in November 2004.
2005	The optimum level of fluoride in water supply was adjusted down from 0.7 ppm to 0.5 ppm.
	The Dental Surgery Assistant Scheme was upgraded from two to three levels on 1 January 2005.
	Amendment of the dental trainers' service scheme (<i>Skim Perkhidmatan Pengajar</i>) to degree qualification for the Dental Training College Malaysia, 1 January 2005.
	Conduct of the National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children 2005 (NOHPS 2005).
	The Oral Health Division participated in analysis of oral health items for the World Health Survey 2002-2003 under the Institute for Health Systems Research 2005.
	Establishment of the Oral Cancer Research and Co-ordination Centre (OCRCC), University of Malaya on 23 August 2005 - to collaborate and coordinate activities in all aspects of oral cancer research in Malaysia. Partners included the Ministry of Health, University of Malaya, <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia</i> and the Cancer Research Initiative Foundation (CARIF).
	Start of the dental degree programme at AIMST University, the first private Dental Faculty, with an intake of 48 students.

2005	The Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health participated with an exhibition on outreach dental services and water fluoridation in Malaysia at the 27th Asia Pacific Dental Congress (27th APDC), 25-29 May 2005, Kuala Lumpur.
2006	Review of the National Oral Health Plan 2010 (NOHP 2010) was held with members of the dental fraternity.
	The Oral Health Division was accorded Programme status with the Director of Oral Health being directly responsible to the Director-General of Health (from its previous status as an 'Activity' under the Public Health Department).
	Gazettement of two Regulations on 1 April 2006 under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998 (Act 586) namely; • The Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (Private Medical Clinics or Private Dental Clinics) Regulations 2006 and • The Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (Private Hospitals and Other Private Healthcare Facilities) Regulations 2006. Act 586 came into effect on 1 May 2006.
	Dr Zaliha Ismail was the first MOH's dental officer enrolled for the Forensic Odontology postgraduate course in Australia.
	Initiation of the Awareness Programme on Mouth Self-Examination and launch of the Mouth Cancer Awareness Week in November 2006 as an annual event/activity to be held in November each year.
	The Oral Health Division participated in the Third National Health and Morbidity Survey 2006 (NHMS III) led by the Public Health Institute, MOH with an 'Oral Health Module'.
	The Oral Health Division undertook the study 'Costing Dental Procedures: Restorations and Extractions' in collaboration with University of Malaya as part of the third evaluation exercise under the Modified Budgeting System 2000-2005.
	Start of the dental degree programme at <i>Universiti Teknologi Mara</i> (UiTM) with an intake of 30 students.
	Start of the dental degree programme at the Penang International Dental College (PIDC), a private institution in collaboration with the 'Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation' (VMRF) Deemed University in India, with an intake of 44 students.
2007	Dental therapists are registered under the Allied Health Science Profession
	Conduct of the Second National Oral Health Survey of Schoolchildren 2007 (NOHSS 2007).
	Commencement of e-Reporting for the Health Information Management System (HIMS).
	The Director-General of Health approved the establishment of Special Needs Dentistry as a dental specialty discipline in the MOH.

2007	Two officers were sent on scholarships for postgraduate training in Special Needs Dentistry at the University of Otago and the University of Melbourne.
	Post-basic Allowances were approved for dental nurses with post-basic qualifications in the areas of Oral Surgery, Orthodontics and Periodontics in MOH with effect from 1st October 2007.
	The Symposium on Dental Manpower Development in Malaysia 2007 was held, involving dental fraternity from public and private sectors.
	Integration of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Competency Level Assessment (<i>Penilaian Tahap Kecekapan</i> [PTK]) was approved by the Public Services Department.
	Dental officers formed one of the three pioneer groups (with medical officers and pharmacists).
	The 'critical allowance' for dental officers was revised to be on par with that of medical officers.
	With the graduation of two Oral Surgeons with medical degrees - MBBS (Malaya) – the concept paper for doubly-qualified Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons (OMFS) in the MOH was approved by the Director-General of Health.
	Dental officers were sent for postgraduate training in Oral Surgery and Orthodontics at Hong Kong University and the Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology programme at the University of Western Australia.
	Start of the dental degree programme at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) with an intake of 50 students.
	Start of the dental degree programme at <i>Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia</i> (USIM) with an intake of 29 students.
2008	Start of the dental degree programme at the Malaysian Allied Health Sciences Academy (MAHSA), a private institution in collaboration with Universitas Trisakti Indonesia, with an intake of 38 students.
	Start of the Dental Surgery Assistant certificate programme at MAHSA, with an intake of 29 students.
	Re-designation of Director of Oral Health to Principal Director of Oral Health. The posts of Deputy Directors of Oral Health Development & Policy; and Oral Health Promotion, Practice and Enforcement were upgraded to Directors.
	The Launch of the Early Childhood Oral Healthcare 'Never Too Early to Start' on 11 July 2008 in conjunction with the 6th International Conference for Paediatric Dentistry Association of Asia, 10 - 12 July 2008, Kuala Lumpur.
	Kick-off meeting for the Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) followed by the User Requirement Workshops.

2008	Development of the Dental Practitioner Information Management System (DPIMS) under the Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) for online application of annual practising certificates (APC), updating of personal information and application of letters of good standing.
	Implementation of online monitoring of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) through the myCPD web portal.
	Consultancy for oral health human capital projection and development for Malaysia up to year 2020 with Prof Prathip Phantumvanit from Thailand.
	Start of the dental degree programme at the International Medical University (IMU) with an intake of 46 students.
	Approval by the Ministry of Higher Education for Melaka-Manipal Medical College (MMMC) to conduct a dental degree programme.
	Start of the Dental Technology diploma programme at MAHSA, with an intake of 28 students.
	Start of the Dental Surgery Assistant certificate programme at SEGi University College, a private institution, with an intake of seven students.
	Approval by the Ministry of Higher Education for Windfield International College to conduct a Dental Surgery Assistant certificate programme.
	Cabinet decision on 14 November 2008 to undertake Autonomous Liberalisation on services with the health sector as one of the services. The three health sub-sectors were Private Hospital services, Medical Specialist services and Dental Specialist services.
2009	The Oral Health Information Clinical System (OHCIS) project development and implementation kicked off in January 2008.
	Initiation of Centres for Management of Specific Oral Conditions at Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching, Kuala Lumpur Hospital, Paediatric Institute, Kuala Lumpur Hospital and Tuanku Jaafar Hospital, Seremban.
	Malaysia signed the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Dental Practitioners with nine other ASEAN member states (Brunei, Singapore, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia and Cambodia) on 26 February 2009.
	With the signing of the MRA, the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS), the Healthcare Services Sectoral Working Group (HSSWG) and the ASEAN Joint Coordinating Committee for Dental Practitioners (AJCCD) were established to look into the implementation of the MRA by 2015.
	Papers were submitted to the Public Service Department for an Integrated Scheme (<i>Skim Bersepadu</i>) for Dental Nurses and Dental Technologists.
	Launch of the second coffee table book 'A Lifetime of Healthy Smiles - Oral Health in Malaysia' on 14 April 2009.

2009	A proposal to regulate Dental Nurses, Dental Technologists and Dental Surgery Assistants under one Dental Act was made to the Malaysian Dental Council on 4 December 2009.
	The Oral Health Information Clinical System (OHCIS) went live in 11 clinics - 10 in Johor and 1 in Selangor.
	The Malaysian Dental Council declared its stand on fluoride use in the document 'Position Document on Use of Fluorides in Malaysia'.
	The first batch of 15 Dental Public Health Officers were gazetted and appointed under Perintah Am Bab F (<i>Perubatan</i>) Perkara 27 (a) and (b) on 1 August 2009.
	The initiative to establish a forum where Chief Dental Officers (CDOs) or equivalent of countries in Asia to discuss matters of formulating oral health policies, service planning and programme implementation was mooted by Prof Prathip Phantumvanit of Thammasat University, Thailand and Dato' Dr Norain Abu Talib, then the Principal Director of Oral Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia; who are the founding chairmen of this meeting. With the support of Dr Paul Warren, then the Vice President, Global Professional and Scientific Relations, P&G International, as part of the corporate social responsibility of the company to improve oral health of the population in Asia, the first meeting was held in 2009 at Phuket, Thailand. It was named Asia Public Health Dentistry Meeting. During this first meeting, it was decided to rename the meeting as Asian Chief Dental Officers Meeting (ACDOM) to signify and recognise the vital roles played by the chief dentists of Asian to improve oral health of the population in Asia. The objectives of ACDOM are: - To discuss issues and challenges in dentistry and the dental profession; - To strengthen collaboration and networking within Asian countries; - To improve knowledge and expertise; - To share best practices, strategies and policies for population health; and - To promote evidence-based research in public health dentistry. The meeting has been held annually since 2009, except 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic. The 2nd ACDOM was held in Malaysia in 2010, followed by Vietnam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, China, Nepal, Myanmar in 2019 and Phuket in 2022. Malaysia has been the secretariat of this meeting since 2009. The secretariat is headed by the chief dental officer and the members comprises of dental officers from the Ministry of Health Malaysia.
2010	Launch of the PERMATA Early Childhood Oral Healthcare programme on 30 November 2010 by Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor, wife of the Rt. Honourable Prime Minister at the <i>Pusat Anak Permata Negara, Putrajaya</i> .
	Conduct of data collection for the National Oral Health Survey of Adults 2010 (NOHSA 2010) from April to July 2010.
	Operationalisation of the first non-hospital-based Oral Health Specialist Centre in Jalan Zaaba, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan.

2010	The Sabah State Cabinet approved the implementation of the State water fluoridation programme on 6 October 2010.
	Integration of Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) and the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) for Electronic Guarantee Letters (e-GL).
	Integration of OHCIS with e-KL in 10 clinics - 6 in Selangor and 4 in Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur. The e-KL project is part of the e-Government project to provide the Malaysian public in Klang valley with a single point of contact between government and people. The system integrates the Hospital Information System (HIS), clinical information systems of Teleprimary Care (TPC) and registration and appointment module of OHCIS with e-KL. These enabled patients registered with e-KL to check or change appointments on-line or have their appointments notified via SMS on mobile phones. Development of ICT Security Policy in Dental Clinics for OHCIS.
	The Oral Health Division initiated and established the National Oral Health Research Initiative (NOHRI).
	The Technical Working Group (TWG) for Oral Health Development for 1Care was established on 1 October 2010.
	The re-organisation of the Oral Health Division into two main Divisions became effective 1 December 2010 • Oral Health Development Division • Oral Health Regulation and Practice Division.
	Start of the School-based Fluoride Mouth Rinsing programme for Year 2 to Year 6 schoolchildren in Kelantan, Sabah and Sarawak.
	Full accreditation was given for the dental undergraduate programmes for Universiti Teknologi MARA, AIMST University and Penang International Dental College (PIDC).
	The Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) endorsed the proposal to regulate Dental Nurses, Dental Technologists and Dental Surgery Assistants under one Dental Act on 11 February 2010.
2011	The Dental Act Amendments Committee was expanded to include representatives from professional associations and specialist groups on 7 October 2010.
	The first National Oral Health Plan Executive Committee Meeting was held on 25 February 2011 at Oral Health Division.
	The <i>Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam</i> decided at its 94th Meeting on 30 May 2011 for dental officers to undergo an Induction Course before posting. This led to an announcement by the Minister of Health on the matter on 12 June 2011.
	Launch of the first World Oral Health Day on 23 October 2011 by the Deputy Health Minister at Tropicana City Mall, Petaling Jaya.
	The National Oral Health Plan for Malaysia 2011 - 2020 was launched on the same day by the Deputy Health Minister 23 October 2011.

2011	A structured 2-year Dental Professional Development Programme for new Dental Officers was adopted by the Ministry of Health.
	Launch of the Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) on 22 October 2011 by the Minister of Health at Bandar Maharani, Muar.
	Provisional Accreditation was given to SEGI University College to start the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme.
	Integration of the Dental Practitioners' Information Management System and myCPD for renewal of annual practising certificates (APC).
	Dr Norhayati Jaafar was approved by the Director General of Health Malaysia and gazetted as the first Forensic Odontologist on a Personal-to-Holder basis in the Ministry of Health.
	Establishment of the CPD Awarding Committee under the Malaysian Dental Council.
	Initiation of the Fluoride Varnish for Toddlers pilot project in Sabah, Sarawak, Terengganu and Kelantan.
2012	Full accreditation status was given for the dental undergraduate programmes of Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM) and MAHSA University College.
	Approval of post-basic allowance for Dental Technologist and Dental Nurses in Paediatric Dentistry became effective on 1st April 2012 while approval of post-basic allowance for Technologist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics became effective on 1st June 2012.
	The Malaysian Dental Council at its 97th Meeting on 29 February 2012 approved the reduction of the compulsory service duration from 3 to 2 years. This came into effect on 5 April 2012.
	The first 1Malaysia Mobile Dental Clinic awarded by the Yayasan 1Malaysia Development Berhad was launched by the Minister of Health on 24 May 2012 in Kuala Lipis, Pahang.
	Start of the Oral Health Division's involvement in the activities of the National Blue Ocean Strategies (NBOS) 4, 5 and 6.
	Launch of the first Urban Transformation Centre (UTC) with a one-chair dental clinic in Melaka on 23 June 2012.
	Dr Siti Zaleha binti Hamzah was approved by the Director General of Health Malaysia and gazetted as the first Special Needs Dentistry Specialist of the Ministry of Health Malaysia on 10 August 2012.
	Launch of the second UTC with a one-chair dental clinic in Pudu Sentral Kuala Lumpur on 22 September 2012.

2012	The Dental Bill went online on the Ministry of Health webpage as the first Bill to be posted for public engagement from 6 - 31 August 2012. The Dental Bill was presented to the Director General of Health and the Minister of Health over the months of July to October 2012. Only dental therapists were included in the new Dental Bill (the Bill allows for the name change from 'dental nurses').
	The Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) was one of five (out of 33) projects awarded the <i>Anugerah Inovasi Pengurusan Teknologi Maklumat dan Komunikasi</i> (AIICT) under the Public Sector Innovation Award (AISA) on 31 October 2012.
	The National Oral Health Survey of Adults 2010 (NOHSA 2010) findings were shared with members of the dental fraternity on 7-10 November 2012, the first survey results to be shared and discussed openly at profession level.
	The Council approved the final draft of the Dental Bill at its 99th Malaysian Dental Council Meeting on 22 November 2012.
	The Prime Minister announced the liberalization of 17 sub-sectors targeted for June 2012 in Budget 2012. Under autonomous liberalisation: • foreign dental specialists are allowed to practise in private hospitals, and • 100% foreign equity is allowed for the establishment of stand-alone dental specialist clinics.
	The Malaysian Dental Council website was awarded the highest 4-stars in the Malaysia Government Portals and Websites Assessment 2012 organized by the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC) and the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU).
	The courtesy call to the Dental Corp, Ministry of Defence (MOD) was led by the Principal Director of Oral Health on 28 June 2012 and this provided an opportunity to view two innovations by the Dental Corp - the Mobile Dental Bus 'Canine' and the portable dental cutting unit 'Compact and Tough' (CAT). The visit heralded further collaboration in training dental technologists between MOH and the MOD.
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	First edition of 'Outfit Perjawatan' drafted to outline the need for manpower according to the number of dental chair and types of dental facility.
	Full accreditation given for International Medical University (IMU) Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme.
	Start of the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) programme at Lincoln University College (LUC) in 2012 with an intake of 2 students.

2012	Dental clinics with daily outpatients in the Ministry of Health was introduced as a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) in line with efforts to meet the demands of the public, especially adults.
	Urban Transformation Centres (UTCs) and Rural Transformation Centres (RTCs) were initiated as one-stop centres that offer multiple services including oral health services to the urban and rural community respectively.
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Chronic Periodontitis (2nd Edition)' and 'Orthodontic Management of Developmentally Missing Incisors' were approved by the CPG Council and published in 2012.
2013	The Program Transformasi Minda replacing Induction Courses for new dental officers came into effect on 1 January 2013 (<i>Pekeliling Perkhidmatan Bil. 14 Tahun 2012</i>).
	Establishment of 'www.facebook.com/pergigiankkm' as one of the official social media channels of the Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on 27 February 2013.
	Beginning of Oral Health Division's involvement in NBOS 7 with the launching of the 1Malaysia Family Care initiative under the NBOS 7 in March 2013. Through this initiative, the elderly in institutions and day care centres were given oral healthcare.
	The Director General of Health approved the revised Guidelines for the Gazettement of Dental Public Health Specialists (DPHS) in the Ministry of Health Malaysia on 1 March 2013.
	The Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) adopted the second edition of the 'Position Statement on the Use of Dental Amalgam' on 3 June 2013. The Statement clarified the stand of the MDC on the continued use of dental amalgam in the country as a dental restorative material.
	The www.ohdmoh.blogspot.com was established as a social media account of the Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on 17 June 2013.
	'MyOHD' on YouTube was also established as one of the official social media accounts of the Division on 20 June 2013.
	The application and renewal of Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) through Dental Practitioners' Information Management System (DPIMS) went 'live' on 1 July 2013.
	Establishment of 'ohdmoh' on Slideshare as one of the official social media accounts of the Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on 13 October 2013.
	The National Level Oral Health Carnival with the theme 'Gigi Ku Mutiara Ku' was successfully held on 6 October 2013 and was officially launched by the wife of the Hon. Prime Minister, who is the patron of PERMATA, at Berjaya Times Square, Kuala Lumpur. It was held in conjunction with the World Oral Health Day 2013 and was accepted as the longest non-stop puppet show in the Malaysia Book of Records. Puppet shows have been shown to be an effective medium to deliver oral health messages to young children. Participation of young children from public and private kindergartens was overwhelming.

2013	The cabinet agreed on the implementation of moratorium on new dental faculty, new undergraduate dental degree programme and capping of intake to 800 students per year for the local higher institutions for a period of 5 years.
2014	Implementation of Guidelines <i>Klinik Endodontik Klinik Pergigian Primer</i> (KEPP) was instituted on January 2014.
	The Gingival Index for Schoolchildren, was implemented effective on 1st January 2014.
	The first international mission for the MOH Forensic Odontology team for the Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) of MH17 at the Hilversum Army Medical Facility, Netherlands.
	Recognition of Dental Public Health Officers as Dental Public Health Specialists (DPHS) by the Public Service Department with the extension of 'Bayaran Insentif Pakar' and career pathway in the public sector on 28 March 2014. However, this required the final approval from the Ministry of Finance.
	Promotion of the largest number of 24 Dental Specialists from various specialties in the Oral Health Programme to <i>Gred Khas C</i> (KUP) effective 26 April 2014.
	For the first time a dental team of three personnel was sent on the Hajj Mission with the medical team from the Ministry of Health, comprising a dental specialist, a dental nurse and a DSA. A total of 220 Hajj patients received various treatments such as extraction, filling, scaling, denture repair and management of abscess.
	The Public Service Delivery Transformation Meeting chaired by the <i>Ketua Setiausaha Negara</i> (Chief Secretary) approved the Teleprimary Care - Oral Health Information Clinical System (TPC-OHCIS) development project for public sector clinics on 18 June 2014.
	The Guidelines on the Use of Glass Ionomer Cements was implemented in June 2014.
	The inaugural joint international collaboration in Current Maxillofacial Operative Techniques in Orthognathic Surgery and Distraction Osteogenesis was held from 22 – 26 September 2014 in Kuala Lumpur Hospital (HKL).
	This event was held in collaboration with the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Affiliated Ninth People's Hospital, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China. The local organizers were the Malaysian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (MAOMS), the Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health (MOH), the Oral Surgery Department, HKL and the College of Dental Specialists (CODS) Academy of Medicine Malaysia.
	Establishment of 'pergigiankkm' on Instagram as one of the official social media accounts of Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on September 2014.
	Launch of the 1Malaysia Civil Service Retirement Support (1MCSRS) under NBOS 10 with provision of oral healthcare for retired civil servants in line with strategies to provide oral healthcare to the elderly.
	The MDC website received a 5-star rating award in the Malaysian Government Portals and Websites Assessment (MGWPA) by Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC).
	TPC-OHCIS project officially commenced on 1 December 2014.

2014	AIMST University was given provisional accreditation to start the Bachelor of Dental Technology programme with an intake of 18 students per year.
	Full accreditation given to Melaka-Manipal BDS programme.
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Anterior Crossbite with Mixed Dentition' was approved by the CPG Council and published in 2014.
	1st enforcement prosecution on 'Fake Braces' under section 4(1) Act 586, was successfully carried out, resulting in a fine of RM20,000.
2015	Promotion of the largest group of 16 Dental Officers U54 to Gred Utama C (KUP) effective on 1 January 2015.
	Establishment of ' <i>Kelab Doktor Muda Keperluan Khas</i> ' in 2015. Oral Health Division was involved in the development of the oral health module.
	The revision of Terms of Reference for Joint Technical Accreditation Committee (JTAC) was completed and endorsed by MDC during their 109th meeting on 24 February 2015.
	Establishment of '@PergigianKKM' on Twitter as one of the official social media accounts of Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on 9 February 2015.
	<i>Bayaran Insentif Pakar</i> awarded to gazetted Dental Public Health Specialists effective on 1 March 2015.
	Dental Technologist Post Basic Programme (Maxillofacial) ended on March 2015.
	The National Oral Cancer Initiatives (NOCI) was established in 2013 and held its first meeting on 29 June 2015 at the Oral Health Division (OHD) MOH. The objective of NOCI was to offer an opportunity for the dental fraternity and other relevant stakeholders in the country to promote leadership and surveillance over oral cancer control programmes in Malaysia. NOCI members include the Oral Health Division MOH, Armed Forces Oral Health Division, Oral Cancer and Coordinating Centre (OCRCC) in the University of Malaya, Cancer Research Malaysia (CRM), dental faculties of public and private universities as well as professional dental associations.
	The Oral Health Division, MOH for the first time received direct allocation from the Ministry of Finance for the purpose of procuring four Mobile Dental Clinics. Acceptance of the proposal for ' <i>Program Pergigian Mesra Rakyat</i> ' for consideration by the National Strategic Unit, Ministry of Finance.
	The 3rd National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children was conducted from July to October 2015 by the Oral Health Division, MOH.
	Further reduction of the 2-year compulsory service to 1-year for new dental officer registrants effective on 1 July 2015.
	Launching of 'e-Book' by the Health Minister at the Dewan Serbaguna, Blok E8, Ministry of Health on 9 July 2015. 'e-Book' is one of the platforms to disseminate oral health messages through websites.

2015	Initiation of development of Guidelines for Oral Healthcare for Young Adults. The initial draft was presented at both JDPKP Bil 1/2015 meeting and Dental Public Health Specialist (DPHS) Meeting on 30-31 July 2015
	Development of Strategic Plan for Oral Healthcare for the Indigenous Population (<i>Orang Asli</i>).
	Collaboration of Primary Care Section, Oral Health Division MOH, with Oral Health Promotion Unit and Tobacco Control Unit, Non-Communicable Disease Division, MOH in developing the guidelines for the implementation of Smoking Cessation Programme under Incremental School Dental Service (IMFREE).
	Accreditation and Globalisation Section, Oral Health Division MOH, provided technical input and participated in the development of "Dental Standards" for Accreditation of Dental Clinics with Malaysian Society For Quality In Health (MSQH). The Dental Standard was launched on 7 September 2015 at Everly Hotel, Putrajaya.
	Reorganisation of the Oral Health Division Structure was revisited to improve the organisational capacity for service provision.
	No new posts were approved under ' <i>Anggaran Belanja Mengurus</i> ' 2015. The posts for new facilities were deployed from the existing pool.
	Degree programme for the Dental Technologist intake by AIMST University started in September 2015.
	Teleprimary Care - Oral Health Clinical Information System (TPC-OHCIS) for MOH health clinics Version 1.0 System Requirement Book signed off on 20 April 2015 and TPC-OHCIS Version 1.1 at the end of September 2015.
	Upgrading of the DSA scheme (upgrade to Grade U19/24/26/28) was approved as announced in the 2016 Budget Speech on October 2015.
	Terms of Reference (TOR) for Collaborative Research with the Oral Health Division, MOH was implemented with effect on 30 October 2015.
	Modified MOH International Caries Detection and Assessment System (ICDAS) was piloted at 4 primary schools in FT Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya in October 2015.
	System Requirement Specification (SRS) for Clinical Documentation (CD) Sistem Pengurusan Pesakit for oral health was signed by the Head of Oral Surgery and Head of Paediatric Dentistry Specialties on 20th October 2015.
	System Requirement Specification (SRS) for TPC-OHCIS was signed as baseline on 21st October 2015.
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Oral surgery for Prevention of Surgical Site Infection (2nd Edition) and 'Management of Unerupted Maxillary Incisor (2nd Edition)' were approved by the CPG Council and published in November 2015.

2015	Revision of the scope and functions of Dental Nurses and Dental Technologists.
	The criteria and establishment of Dental Public Health Specialist strategic posts was approved at Mesyuarat JDPKP Bil. 5 Tahun 2015.
	The creation of strategic posts is a requirement from the Public Service Department to ensure that the position of the Dental Public Health Specialist is strategic and based on service needs.
	Notification letter from the Oral Health Division; KKM-600-26/1/5 (17) – <i>Penetapan Penempatan Jawatan Strategik Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam- Fasa Pertama</i> dated 23 December 2015 was circulated.
	New Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Ameloblastoma' was approved by the CPG Council and published in December 2015.
	Collaboration was established with the University of Malaya for the project 'Dental Care Pathways for Geriatric Populations in ASEAN Countries: Clinicians' Knowledge, Perception and Barriers Faced'.
	Mobile Dental Clinics (Bus type) with 1 chair was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division of Johor for Batu Pahat, and Pulau Pinang for Balik Pulau.
2016	Mobile Dental Clinics (Bus type) with 2 dental chairs was allocated for operationalisation to the Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Oral Health Division.
	A Mobile Dental Lab was allocated one each to the Oral Health Division of Perak and Kelantan.
	Proposal on the Modified MOH ICDAS was presented at the 'Future Directions of Oral Health Division on March 2016 and was approved for nationwide pilot implementation.
	The Director-General of Health issued a press statement regarding long waiting time amongst new dental graduates for compulsory service in MOH on 6th March 2016.
	MoU was signed between the Oral Health Division, MOH and <i>Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris</i> (UPSI) to develop, implement, evaluate and improve puppet shows as effective tools for oral health promotion among preschool children. This MoU was officially signed by the Secretary-General MOH on 20th June 2016.
	A Mobile Dental Clinic (Bus type) with 2 dental chairs was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division of Selangor (NBOS allocation) in March 2016.
	International College of Dentists (ICD) Asia Pacific Congress & Trade Exhibition 2016 was successfully organized for the first time in Malaysia as a collaboration between ICD Asia Pacific Region and Oral Health Division, MOH. The event was held in Pullman Hotel, Bangsar from 11th to 13th March 2016 and officiated by Minister of Health, YB Dato' Seri Dr. Subramaniam.

2016	Approval of organizational restructuring of the Oral Health Division MOH with three (3) divisions under the Principal Director of Oral Health i.e. Oral Health Policy and Strategic Planning Division, Oral Healthcare Division and Oral Health Practice and Development Division including one additional grade <i>UTAMA C</i> on 1st April 2016.
	A Mobile Dental Clinic (Bus type) with 2 dental chairs was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division of Kelantan on 29th March 2016 (under NBOS allocation budget).
	The Oral Health Division MOH first collaborated as a strategic partner with the Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development for Kembara Kebajikan 1Malaysia involving 20 pit stops nationwide from 20th March to 10th April 2016. The closing ceremony was officiated in Hutan Melintang, Perak by the Deputy Prime Minister.
	The decision to place permanent dental officers at Specialist Dental Clinic and agreement to implement in-house officers on-call system was agreed during <i>Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Dasar dan Perancangan Kesihatan Pergigian Bil 2/2016</i> in May 2016.
	Incentive payment of RM 60.00 per month to Dental Surgery Assistant assisting dental officers or dental specialist in providing treatment to mental, tuberculosis and leprosy patients was approved by the Public Service Department effective 1st May 2016.
	The <i>Ikon Gigi</i> (iGG) pilot project was launched during the training of the first cohort of Dental Icons in Melaka from 6-8 May 2016 following the iGG's first ToT training held at Hotel Pudu Plaza, Kuala Lumpur.
	Two Mobile Dental Clinics (Bus type) with 2 dental chairs was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division Sabah (Kota Kinabalu and Tawau) on 12th May 2016 (NBOS allocation budget).
	Smoking Prevention and Intervention Programme amongst Schoolchildren through School Dental Services named as KOTAK – Kesihatan Oral Tanpa Asap Rokok was initiated in June 2016 with the theme MY Gaya Hidup Terkini.
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Palatally Ectopic Canine (2nd Edition)' was approved by the CPG council and published in June 2016.
	Upgrading of Grade for Dental Surgery Assistants from U17 to U19, change of title from Dental Nurse to Dental Therapist and change of Dental Officers' grade from U to UG came into effect on 1st July 2016 following <i>Pekeliling Perkhidmatan Bilangan 1 Tahun 2016: Rasionalisasi Skim Perkhidmatan Awam Persekutuan di bawah Sistem Saraan Malaysia</i> .
	Incentive payment for Medical/ Dental Specialists (BIPP) at health facilities in Sabah and Sarawak came into effect on 1st July 2016.
	A workshop to review the Oral Health Programme Moratorium was held at Royale Bintang Hotel, Seremban on 4th- 6th November 2016.
	A symposium on mid-term review for the National Oral Health Plan 2010-2020 was held on 14th November 2016 at Health Management Institute, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur and was

	officiated by the Director-General of Health Malaysia, YBhg. Datuk Dr Noor Hisham bin Abdullah.
2016	The MOH Secretary-General issued a circular (<i>Surat Pekeliling Ketua Setiausaha KKM Bil 4 Tahun 2016</i>) on 1st December 2016 regarding Contract of Service for UD41 Medical Officer, UG41 Dental Officer and U41 Pharmacy Officer (Malaysian Citizen) to undergo Graduate Training and / or compulsory service. The Circular also stated that the period of compulsory service for a Dental Officer is one year, but the duration of the contract is 3 years. The launch of the National “<i>Ikon Gigi</i>” Program was officiated on 4th December 2016 by the Deputy Minister of Health at Dewan Tun Perak, LHDN Melaka. The official YouTube channel for Oral Health Division was rebranded to myGG Channel and officiated by the Principal Director of Oral Health on 9th December 2016. The renaming of the MOH Dental Therapists’ post according to grade was agreed by the Secretary-General of MOH and enforced on 20th December 2016. This did not affect the organizational structure and did not involve any amendment to the warrant of employment. Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled ‘Management of Acute Orofacial Infection of Odontogenic Origin in Children (1st Edition)’ and ‘Management of Periodontal Abscess (2nd Edition)’ were approved by the CPG Council and published in December 2016. Full accreditation was given to SEGi University BDS programme. Director General of Health Malaysia agreed on the proposal for the implementation of vocational attachment (VA) as an option for dental graduates to undergo Compulsory Service in the private sector. The Oral Health Division MOH agreed on the recruitment of male Dental Therapist trainees at PPKK & ILKMM Georgetown (<i>Pergigian</i>). The first batch of 13 male trainees were accepted for July session 2017. Claims for ‘<i>Bayaran Insentif Merawat Pesakit Jika, Tibi dan Kusta</i>’ was approved and paid to eligible Dental Surgery Assistant effective from 1 May 2016 System ‘e-Dentist’ was established to enable new dental officers to select their posting on-line. The system was used for the first time on 19 December 2019 for the first batch intake of 526 newly appointed contract dental officers.
2017	Nationwide pilot implementation of Modified MOH ICDAS was introduced as the first phase in January 2017. Medical Officers and Dental Officers Service Scheme was improved with the creation of a special grade UD/UG56 on 1st January 2017 as a Specialist Career Pathway (<i>Pekeliling Perkhidmatan Bilangan 12 Tahun 2016</i>). The first batch of 526 Dental Officers Grade UG 41 appointed on contract has undergone the <i>Program Transformasi Minda</i> (PTM) from 9th- 14th January 2017. Additional Dental Health Modules covering 9 topics were introduced during this <i>PTM</i> for the first time.

2017	Standard Operating Procedure on Dental Examination & Diagnosis and Blood Pressure Measurement was introduced for use at Dental Clinics (Primary Care) in January 2017.
	Implementation of Fee Order (Medical) (Amendment) 2017 was enforced on 1st February 2017. However, the implementation for Dental Charges (Table F) was postponed to March 1, 2018. Dental charges for existing procedures listed in Fee Order (Medical) 1982 was given special exemption by the Secretary-General of Treasury as stated in the <i>Lampiran E of Garis Panduan Pelaksanaan Perintah Fi (Perubatan) (Pindaan) 2017</i> until further notice.
	The establishment of Dental Public Health Specialist strategic posts was revised.
	Notification letter from the Oral Health Division KKM-600-26/1/5 Jld. 2 (6) – <i>Penetapan Penempatan Jawatan Strategik Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam-Fasa Pertama (Pindaan 1)</i> dated 10 February 2017 was circulated.
	The first briefing on the implementation of Fee Order (Medical) (Amendment) 2017 was held at the Faculty of Dentistry, UiTM Sungai Buloh Campus on 16 February 2017.
	<i>Mesyuarat Lembaga Kenaikan Pangkat Perkhidmatan Awam (LKPPA)</i> Bil 1 Tahun 2017 on 23rd February 2017 approved the proposal for the relaxation of the terms of the gazettement period for the promotion of 43 Public Health Dental Specialists to UG 56 Grade.
	Discussions with the Dental Faculties was held on 6th March 2017 for the purpose of the implementation of postgraduate training as an open system and the establishment of technical committees at the Oral Health Division MOH.
	The Principal Director of Oral Health launched the Dental Buskers Programme and Dental Street Jam - 'When Words Fail, Music Speaks' on 11th March 2017 in conjunction with KL Xtravaganza at Wangsa Walk Mall. This initiative was a result of the collaboration between Oral Health Division MOH and <i>Persatuan Karyawan Malaysia</i> .
	The launch of the Oral Health and Religious Programme (<i>Program Kesihatan Oral dan Agama - KOA</i>), which is a collaboration with strategic partners and religious bodies at the state level. The first KOA commenced with Islamic religion and the theme ' <i>Agama Penggalak Kesihatan Pergigian Ummah</i> ' was the theme chosen where the event was officiated by YB Deputy Minister of Health on 17th March 2017 at the National Mosque, Kuala Lumpur.
	<i>Kembara Sihat 1 Malaysia (KS1M)</i> 2017 was introduced as a biennial joint collaboration of the Oral Health Division MOH with the Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. The event was held from 21st March 2017 to 26th March 2017 involving 110 pit stops, 12 000 communities and covering an 8000 km trip. The launching ceremony was officiated at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah by the Principal Director of Oral Health and the closing ceremony was held at Balik Pulau, Pulau Pinang and was officiated by YB Deputy Minister of Health.
	Data collection for National Health Morbidity Survey (NHMS): National Oral Health Survey of School Children (NOHSS) 2017 was done from March until April 2017.

2017	The first involvement of the Oral Health Division MOH in the KL Car Free Morning on 9th April 2017 at Dataran DBKL 1, Federal Territory KL following the launch of Dental Buskers and Dental Street Jam.
	The launch of the Oral Health and Religious Programme (KOA) for Buddhism was officiated on 21st May 2017 by the Deputy Minister of Health at the Temple Hall of the San Kau Tong Believers Society, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan.
	The Teleprimary Care - Oral Health Clinical Information System (TPC-OHCIS) is an integrated electronic health clinical information system which enables clinicians to view patients' relevant medical and oral health records and other health related information. It was rolled out across 13 pilot sites which included 6 Health Clinics and 7 Dental Clinics in Negeri Sembilan on 1st June 2017. This system can also be used in the outreach services namely mobile dental services, preschool, primary schools, secondary schools and community services. To ensure continuity of the system during network disruption, the system is designed with an offline mode feature.
	The Outcome Based Education (OBE)'s new curriculum for the Dental Surgery Certificate was enforced on 1st July upon agreement by the Education Board which convened on 20 April 2017.
	The official launch of the Oral Health and Religious Programme (KOA) for Hinduism was officiated by YB Minister of Health at Sri Karumariamman Muthappan Temple, Segamat, Johor on 21st July 2017.
	The Oral Health Division MOH was invited to collaborate with the Media Prima Television Network for organizing the 'School Attack Programme' involving primary school teachers and students in Selangor and Melaka from July until November 2017.
	Enforcement of compounds for the list of offenses under Act 586 commenced on 1st August 2017. Implementation of compounding was carried out in stages with full implementation from 1 January 2019.
	The national launch of the oral health promotion initiative targeting the Community College Students named as "Transformation with 1Smile Together" (TW1ST) was officiated by YAB Deputy Prime Minister in Bagan Datoh, Perak on 16th September 2017. In conjunction with this launch, an exchange of Memorandum of Understanding documents was carried out and witnessed by the YAB Deputy Prime Minister as a symbol of cooperation between the Oral Health Division MOH and the Community College Department, Ministry of Higher Education.
	The first briefing session on the 'New Dental Officer Programme' (NDOP) for the Deputy State Directors (Dental), Coordinators and Supervisors from Peninsular Malaysia States was held at the Mutiara Auditorium of the Health Management Institute, Bangsar on 26th October 2017.
	'Koding Perjawatan Anggota Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian' was presented and approved by Mesyuarat JDPKP Bil.4 Tahun 2017. The main aim was to consolidate the community oral healthcare services.

2017	The 'Dentures for Elderly Project' was selected as one of the Touch Points Critical Health Intervention initiatives for <i>Rakyat</i> under the 'Cabinet Away Day Programme' from MOH involving an allocation of RM 262,500. Full dentures were constructed and issued free of charge to selected Senior Citizens in Elderly Institutions nationwide from September until November 2017.
	Briefing on the implementation of the New Dental Officer Programme (NDOP) for the Deputy State Directors (Dental), Coordinators and Supervisors from Sabah, Sarawak and WP Labuan was held at Hotel Mega, Miri, Sarawak on 3rd November 2017.
	<i>Mesyuarat Perancangan Hala Tuju Kesihatan Pergigian Negara 2030</i> was held at Hotel Geno, Shah Alam, Selangor on 27-28 November 2017. The roadmap was aimed at enhancing the value of public, private and multi-agency oral healthcare so as to be more sustainable and responsive to the changing environment and the needs of the people.
	YB Deputy Minister of Health tabled the first reading of the Dental Bill 2017 in the House of Representatives in Parliament on 28th November 2017.
	The National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children 2015 and National Oral Health Survey of School Children 2017 were published in December 2017.
	Full accreditation was given to Lincoln University College DDS programme.
	The Oral Health Division MOH hosted the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee on ASEAN Minimum Common Competency Standards for Dental Undergraduate
	Education (1ST AC-AMCCSDUE) on 11-12 July 2017. The meeting was attended by representatives from ASEAN member states.
	The revised Guidelines for Accreditation of Dental Degree Programmes was approved by the Malaysian Dental Council during the 119th council meeting and effective starting 2019. The document was renamed as Code of Practice for Programme Accreditation – Undergraduate Dental Degree (Version 2) 2019.
2018	<i>Program Pergigian Mesra Rakyat</i> at People's Housing Project was implemented.
	Phase 2 implementation of the Modified MOH ICDAS pilot nationwide started on January 2018.
	The Oral Health Programme, MOH name was officially announced to be used as a standard replacement to the Oral Health Division, MOH on 1st January 2018.
	The official name for Children Dental Centre and Dental Training College Penang has been officially changed to Children Dental Centre and Ministry of Health Training Institute Georgetown (Dental) or <i>Pusat Pergigian Kanak-Kanak & Institut Latihan KKM Georgetown (Pergigian)</i> [PPKK & ILKKM (Pergigian) Georgetown] effective 2018 following a restructuring of MOH Malaysia Training Institute by the Training Management Division, MOH.
	Trade-off of all 391 UG41 non-flexible Dental Officers' posts 2016 to flexi posts UG41 / 44/48 was enforced on 1st January 2018.

2018	The first Government Dental Clinic in Malaysia, Klinik Pergigian Cahaya Suria was relocated and became fully operational on 2nd January 2018 following the move from Sinar Kota to Level 1, UTC Pudu Sentral. The temporary placement of Klinik Pergigian Cahaya Suria was due to UDA Holdings Berhad's intention to redevelop the Sinar Kota building which was approximately 36 years old.
	The first batch of 526 Grade UG41 Dental Officers appointed on contract basis completed their compulsory service on 8th January 2018.
	CI International Certification Sdn Bhd headed by Pn Norliza binti Sadrek conducted the Second Audit Monitoring and Transition to the ISO 9001: 2015 Certification on 23rd – 24th January 2018. There were no Non-Compliance (NCR) and 5 Opportunities for Improvements (OFI) recorded during the audit. The Oral Health Programme MOH is one of the earliest Programmes at the MOH Headquarters to receive the MS ISO 9001: 2015 certification.
	The first admission of Contract Dental Officers for the year 2018 was implemented with 709 officers undergoing the <i>Program Transformasi Minda</i> (PTM) at Regency Hotel and Hotel Flamingo Kuala Lumpur from 26th February – 3rd March 2018.
	A total of 45 candidates successfully received full paid leave (<i>Cuti Belajar Bergaji Penuh</i> -CBBP) offered with scholarship (<i>Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan</i> -HLP) and 4 candidates have successfully received CBBP offered without HLP for the 2018/2019 sessions.
	The House of Representatives approved the Dental Bill 2017 on 2nd April 2018 following the second and third reading by YB Minister of Health Datuk Seri Dr S.Subramaniam.
	The House of Senates approved the Dental Bill 2017 on 3rd April 2018 following the second and third reading of the bill by YB Deputy Minister of Health, Dato' Seri Dr Hilmi bin Haji Yahaya.
	Guidelines on Primary Prevention and Early Detection of Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders and Oral Cancers was revised and finalised for implementation. Training of trainers (ToT) was conducted on 17 April 2018. Intervention for all patients with high risk habits was introduced and a new MS Access database was created for monitoring of oral cancer cases.
	The Training of Trainers Workshop for "Transformation with 1Smile Together" (TW1ST) programme was held from 25th to 27 April 2018 in ILKAP, Bangi. A total of 75 State and College Co-ordinators were involved. This workshop was organised prior to the National roll-out of TW1ST programme in all states.
	The courtesy visit by the Oral Health Programme to the new Health Minister, YB Dr Dzulkefly bin Ahmad was held at the Minister of Health Meeting Room, Level 13, Block E7, MOH on 28th May 2018.
	Dental Act 2018 [Act 804] was given the Royal Assent on 19th June 2018 and published in the gazette on 26th June 2018.

2018	Roadshow for the Dental Act 2018 was held in collaboration with the Malaysian Dental Association in all States except Perlis and WP Labuan from 20th July 2018 to 5th October 2018.
	The first Biennial IGG Convention was held on 11 – 12 August 2018 at Dewan Sri Tunjong Kelantan and officiated by Principal Director of Oral Health Dr Nomah binti Taharim.
	The first initiation of in-house production of FB Live by Oral Health Programme was done on 14 August 2018.
	The official launch of the Oral Health and Religious Programme (KOA) for Christianity was officiated by Dato' Dr Chong Chee Keong, Deputy Director-General of Health (Public Health) at Dewan Stella Maris, Gereja St. Anne, Port Klang, Selangor on 18 August 2018.
	'Dentistry Going Digital: Connecting the Community' was officially launched by the Health Minister YB Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad on 20 August 2018. This involved 2 mobile apps – MyGusi (Periodontal Specialist) and MyOrtho (Orthodontic Specialist) and 2 videos from Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Specialist and Restorative Specialist fraternity.
	The official launch of <i>Minggu Promosi Peringkat Kebangsaan</i> by the Health Minister YB Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad was held on 2nd September 2019 at Dataran Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur, Jalan Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur with the theme – <i>Kesihatan Gusi Tanggungjawab Bersama</i> . This initiative was followed by one week of promotional activities at the state level. Subsequently <i>Minggu Promosi</i> will be held every year on the 3rd week of July.
	School Based Fluoride Mouth Rinsing Manual was distributed to all States on 26 September 2018 for implementation in schools that meet the criteria.
	The Standard Operating Procedure for Ministry of Health Dental Clinics: Management of Periodontal Conditions in Primary Oral Healthcare Clinics was approved by the Oral Health Programme on 21 September 2018 for nationwide implementation effective 1st January 2019.
	NBOS projects are either discontinued or rebranded. UTCs are now known as <i>Klinik Kesihatan</i> and RTCs as <i>Klinik Komuniti</i> . 1Malaysia Family Care and Mobile Community Transformation Centre continued operating with existing oral health programmes while 1Malaysia Civil Service Retirement Support has been stopped.
	Formulation of the Programme Standard for accreditation of Dental Surgery Assistant Diploma programme.
2018	The Oral Health Programme proposed an alternative pathway for Dental Officers to pursue postgraduate training in order to increase the number of Dental Specialists. Collaboration was initiated with the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Malaya to conduct the pilot implementation of training in the field of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and also Orthodontics. Official agreement on the concept by University of Malaya was received on 30th July 2018.
	Contract Dental Officers are allowed to do locum upon completion of the compulsory service effective from 20 July 2018 subject to terms and condition

2018	The Oral Surgery Specialty was rebranded effective from 8 June 2018.		
	Before		After Rebranding
	1. Speciality	1. Oral Surgery	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
	2. Surgeons' Designation	2. Oral Surgeon	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
	3. Department's Name	3. Oral Surgery Department	Oral and Maxillofacial Department
2019	Stance Wheel Innovation Product Commercialization for wheel chair users seeking dental treatment was launched by the YB Deputy Minister Dr Lee Boon Chye in Putrajaya on 19 December 2018. The innovation project from Oral Health Division, Perlis has received many awards since 2015.		
	The Standard Operating Procedure for Management of Periodontal Conditions in Primary Oral Healthcare Clinics was approved on 21 September 2018 with the effective date for implementation on 1 January 2019.		
	Dental Therapist profession, is now under the responsibility of Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health Malaysia, and no longer under the Allied Health Science Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia effective from 25 January 2019.		
	The Oral Healthcare for Young Adults in Malaysia Guidelines was approved on 29 January 2019 and was implemented on 1 March 2019 in all states.		
	The proposal of Cluster Concept for Specialist Oral Healthcare in the Ministry of Health facilities was approved by Director General of Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia on 18 February 2019.		
	The Cluster for Specialist Oral Health services Ministry of Health was introduced in 2019 as an initiative to improve the delivery of oral health specialist services to the people. It started with Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) and Paediatric Dentistry Specialty. The cluster services for OMFS was initiated in Perak, Kedah and Sabah while the cluster services for Paediatric Dentistry started in Terengganu, Malacca, Perak and Sabah		
2020	<i>Program Kembara Sihat 'Ziarah Senyum' 2019</i> was held from 30 March 2019 till 6 April 2019. The opening ceremony was officiated by YAB Dato' Haji Osman bin Haji Sopian, Chief Minister of Johor on 30 March 2019 in Johor Bharu. The closing ceremony was held in Kedah on 6 April 2019, and officiated by YBhg. Dato' Dr. Norhizan Ismail, Kedah's State Health Director, who represented YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia.		
	Guidelines: Implementation of Dental Public Health Specialist Unit was completed in December 2019. It was distributed to all States in January 2020 and uploaded to OHP Website in May 2020.		

2019	<i>Konvensyen Kesihatan Oral Tanpa Asap Rokok (KOTAK) 2019</i> was held from 19 to 20 June 2019 in Malacca. The event was jointly officiated by YB Low Chee Leong (Health & Anti-Drug EXCO) who represented YAB Chief Minister of Malacca, as well as YBhg. Dato' Mohd Shafiq bin Abdullah, Deputy Secretary General (Management) who represented YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia.
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Mandibular Condyle Fractures (2nd edition)' was approved by the CPG Council and published in June 2019.
	<i>Majlis Pelancaran Ikon Gigi Orang Asli (iGG-OA) 2019</i> was officiated by YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia on 11th July 2019 at Kampung Orang Asli Menderang 1, Sungkai, Perak.
	Introduction of the integrated patient attendance data collection format "Gi-Ret PSY" on August 2019 by a dedicated project team. Briefing on the implementation of phase 1 Gi-Ret PSY format to all State representatives was held on 16 June 2020 via video conference.
	<i>Minggu Promosi Kesihatan Pergigian 2019</i> was officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Haji Aminuddin bin Harun, Chief Minister of Negeri Sembilan on 7th September 2019 at Seremban, Negeri Sembilan.
	<i>Kursus 'Dentistry Going Digital: Produce Video Like A Pro' 2019</i> was officiated by YBrs. Dr. Doreyat bin Jemun, Principal Director of Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health Malaysia. It was held from 27 to 29 August 2019 in Langkawi Island, Kedah.
	On 27 September 2019, the Oral Health Programme official webpage, which can be assessed at http://ohd.moh.gov.my was redesigned and published with a new look. The webpage offers user-friendly browsing experience for viewers and those seeking Oral Health Programme services information. Direct links were made available for viewers to access various information such as the eDentist , Ministry Of Health Malaysia , Malaysian Dental Council , MyHealth Portal , Portal HRMIS , MyGovUC , MyCPD , Public Service Department , MyGovernment , e-ISO PKP and EKSA . In addition, integrated social media buttons for facebook/pergigiankkm , blogspot/ohd and youtube/myGGchannel were added to foster interactive communication with netizens.
	The first batch of Year I postgraduate students in MCLinDent (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) under pilot implementation of postgraduate training in collaboration with the University of Malaya commenced their postings on 1st September 2019. The batch consists of 4 (four) Dental Officers posted to 4 (four) designated training hospitals namely Hospital Sungai Buloh, Hospital Klang, Hospital Selayang and Hospital Kuala Lumpur with their assigned honorary consultants.
	The initiation to harmonize the interview results between the Oral Health Programme and local public universities in offering Federal Government Scholarship and postgraduate training placement for Dental Officers was agreed in the meeting between Principal Director of Oral Health MOH and Dental Deans' Council No. 2/2019 held on 18th November 2019.

2019	Fluoride Varnish Programme for Toddlers was approved for nationwide implementation starting 2019 for toddlers at nurseries, Maternal and Child Health Clinics and Dental Clinics.
	Guidelines on Clinical Prevention Programme for Caries (CPPC) was approved during <i>Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Dasar dan Perancangan Kesihatan Pergigian Bil. 5/2019</i> . This new Guidelines replaces the Guidelines of School-based Fissure Sealant Programme for Schoolchildren and was circulated on 7 January 2020. In the CPPC guidelines, Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) is introduced and this guideline is to be implemented in preschool and school dental service starting in January 2021 with the new LP8 card.
	Water Fluoridation issues were included in the Plan of Action of National Action Council on Cost of Living (NACCOL) 2020-2022. All the 8 health issues under Health Cluster will be discussed at the NACCOL Health Cluster level meetings.
	The Oral Health Programme participated in the first meeting of Asia-Pacific Oral Cancer Network (APOCNET) that was held from 13-15 September 2020. APOCNET was initiated by Cancer Research Malaysia as a platform to obtain cooperation for oral cancer initiatives from Asia-Pacific countries mainly Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
	Revision of the <i>Garis panduan Perkhidmatan Pergigian Endodontik di Klinik Pergigian Primer</i> was approved on 4 October 2019 and uploaded onto the Oral Health Programme website.
	The LP8 2019 document was revised and approved on 13 November 2019 for implementation with effect from 1 January 2021.
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Avulsed Permanent Anterior Teeth in Children (3rd Edition)' was approved by the CPG Council and published in December 2019.
2020	A Guide to Common Oral Health Lesions for Dental Officers was approved by the Principal Director of Oral Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia on 27 December 2019.
	The Oral Healthcare for Preschool Children Guidelines was revised, approved on 6 January 2020 and was disseminated on 19 May 2020.
	The ' <i>Penggunaan kad LP8 2019 dan format Gi-Ret PSY</i> ' Workshop was held from 25 to 27 January 2020 at Summit Hotel, Subang USJ, Kuala Lumpur.
	The implementation of EMR System known as the National Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Implementation Project, Phase One involving eleven (11) dental clinics, seven hospitals, and forty-two (42) health clinics was initiated in January 2020. This project encompassed the following components: a. Hospital Patient Information System (core applications: HIS@KKM) b. Clinical Patient Information System (core applications: TPC-OHCIS) c. Health Information Exchange (HIE) platform d. Virtual Clinic System

2020	The implementation of Dental Public Health Specialist Unit as pilot projects in Klinik Pakar Pergigian Kota Setar Kedah, Klinik Pergigian Bandar Botanik Klang Selangor and Klinik Pergigian Kuala Sungai Baru Melaka.
	YB Minister of Health's Town Hall Session with dental staff from all States was held on 10th February 2020 at the Ministry of Health's Multipurpose Hall, Level 8, Block E7, Putrajaya.
	The official launch of the Standard Operating Procedure for Management of Cases of Fake Braces by YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly bin Ahmad was held at the Ministry of Health's Multipurpose Hall, Level 8, Block E7, Putrajaya.
	<i>Garis Panduan Program Kampung Angkat Pergigian</i> was approved on 20 October 2020 to be implemented in 2021. Training for state coordinators was carried out on 3 March 2021.
	In conjunction with the World Oral Health Day 2020, pre-screening activity and oral cancer screening were carried out in Projek Perumahan Rakyat Sri Kiambang, Serendah, Selangor on 7 March 2020.
	The National Oral Health Quality Convention 2020 was officiated by YBrs. Dr Doreyat Jemun, Principal Director of Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health (OHPMOH), Malaysia. It was held from 9 to 10 March 2020 at the Summit Hotel, Subang Jaya, Selangor and marked a significant step forward in our pursuit of innovation, creativity and quality. This event was also the last of large-scale national events organised by OHPMOH before the onslaught of Covid-19 and the first Movement Control Order (MCO) on 18 March 2020.
	Since February 2020, delivery of oral healthcare and activities under the Ministry of Health Malaysia has been greatly affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. During the pandemic, in line with WHO recommendation, only emergency cases were treated at dental clinics while elective cases were postponed, particularly the Aerosol Generated Procedures (AGP). The Movement Control Order / MCO (Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan) was announced by the Prime Minister on 18 March 2020 to curb the spread of COVID-19 disease. MCO was divided into the following phases: ● Phase 1: 18 - 31 March 2020 ● Phase 2: 1 - 14 April 2020 ● Phase 3: 15 - 28 April 2020 ● Phase 4: 29 - 12 May 2020 (Conditional MCO) ● Phase 5: 13 May - 9 June 2020 (Conditional MCO) ● Phase 6: 10 June - 31 August (Recovery MCO) ● Phase 7: 1 September 2020 onwards until vaccine is found (Normalisation)

2020	In mid-March 2020, all dental outreach services and UTCs were temporarily stopped due to COVID-19 pandemic and the enforcement of Movement Control Order (MCO). In the spirit of solidarity, a total of 2,600 dental personnel i.e. 1,700 from primary care dental clinics and 900 from specialist dental clinics were mobilized to work hand in hand with the healthcare frontliners in various capacities during the Movement Control Order both at national and state level. Among the activities include swab test, quarantine centre, home surveillance, contact tracing, patient sampling, patient screening at the main entrance to health clinics and international borders. A dormitory for male trainees at <i>PPKK</i> dan <i>ILKMM</i> in Penang was converted into one of the quarantine centres. Meanwhile, a total of 28 staff from <i>Ibupejabat Program Kesihatan Pergigian (IPKKM)</i> were involved as Crisis Preparedness & Response Centre (CPRC) Hotline Responders for COVID-19 Cluster Risk Communication starting from 1 April 2020. Oral Health Programme has published a series of guidelines namely <i>Garis Panduan Pengendalian Isu-isu berhubung Penularan Jangkitan Wabak COVID-19 di Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian</i> [No. 1 (18 Mac 2020); No. 2 (2 April 2020); and No. 3 (17 April 2020)] as well as <i>Garis Panduan Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Pasca Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Pandemik COVID-19</i> No. 1/2020 (18 Mei 2020). A variety of info-graphics, videos, posters, and a Facebook live video were produced to educate the public and staff pertaining to COVID-19 and oral health services via social media platforms namely Oral Health Programme <i>Facebook</i> and <i>Instagram</i>. The new normal or norm were introduced in oral health care services such as avoiding 3Cs i.e. Crowded place, Confined spaces, and Close conversation with physical distancing of at least 1 meter between each individual, as well as applying 3Ws i.e. Wash, Wear and Warn among other preventive measures. From April 2020 to the end of MCO, provision of oral health services and the engagement of dental personnel in COVID-19 activities were closely monitored and recorded daily for compilation into a weekly and monthly report. Among the issues and challenges encountered in managing COVID-19 pandemic were shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE), and in particular, postponement of elective procedures. Strict standard operating procedures were implemented as safety measures for the public as well as dental personnel and ensuring a conducive dental clinic environment As of May 2020, a total of 554 out of 670 (82.69%) primary care dental clinics (PDC) continued providing oral healthcare except for dental clinics at Urban and Rural Transformation Centres and visiting clinics. 53 out of 554 were standalone PDCs. All specialist dental clinics (240) continued providing oral healthcare throughout the MCO period. As of June 10, 2020, six dental personnel tested positive for COVID-19. Nevertheless, none of them were found to have contracted it at their work places.
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2020	The official launch of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Management of Cases of Fake Braces and <i>Latihan Memberus Gigi Berkesan</i> (BEGIN) on 10th February 2020 by YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly bin Ahmad was held at Ministry of Health's Multipurpose Hall, Level 8, Block E7, Putrajaya. The SOP for BEGIN is an initiative on technical skill training for effective tooth brushing for preschool and school children. Effective tooth brushing skills are important to ensure dental plaque removal from all tooth surfaces. to ensure optimal oral health and further reduce the prevalence of dental caries and gum disease. On 2nd October 2020, a Training of Trainers (TOT) session of the SOPs at the national level was successfully conducted. It was attended by representatives consisting of dental officers and dental therapists from all over the country.
	In October 2020, the Tele-Primary Care-Oral Health Clinical Information System (TPC-OHCIS) deployment which was previously piloted in 2017 in Seremban District of Negeri Sembilan was further expanded to twenty-one (21) dental clinics in another six (6) districts in Negeri Sembilan.
	In order to abide by the MCO requirements, meetings were held for the first time using video conferencing mode. For instance, <i>Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Dasar dan Perancangan Kesihatan Pergigian Bil. 2-2020</i> was held via video conferencing using Skype for Business application, on 23 April 2020 in <i>Bilik Mesyuarat Utama, IPKKM</i> and chaired by the Principal Director of Oral Health Programme. All Directors of the three Divisions at IPKKM and Deputy State Health Directors (Oral Health) from Negeri Sembilan, Selangor and WPKL & Putrajaya were physically present, while the rest of the committee members attended the meeting from their respective offices. Several important issues were discussed during the meeting such as: planning on service delivery for post-COVID-19 period; the way forward (Plan) for the Children Dental Centre (Georgetown) and Dental Training Institute, Penang and home-based domiciliary oral healthcare.
	Virtual Dental Clinic and Online Appointment System were proposed under the New Deal Initiative: Digitalisation of Healthcare Services of Ministry of Health Malaysia, to increase utilisation of digital oral healthcare services and reduce congestion at dental clinics.
	Revision of the <i>Prosedur Operasi Piawai Rawatan Asas Pergigian 2020</i> was approved on 3 February 2020 and distributed to all states on 19 May 2020.
	Mobilization mission of Dental Staff to Sabah to assist in activities to curb the transmission of COVID-19 virus together with MOH health staff. The state of Sabah had been facing a sharp increase in COVID-19 positive cases which was spreading rapidly among the community since October 2020. In response, the Ministry of Health (MOH) stepped up its initiative by mobilizing health personnel to Sabah to curb the spread of the pandemic.
	In the spirit of solidarity, the Oral Health Program, MOH actively participated in the Mobilization mission by despatching Dental Staff to Sabah to assist in activities to curb the transmission of COVID-19 virus together with MOH health staff on 13th November 2020. These volunteers consist of 3 dental specialists and 75 dental officers from the states of Terengganu, Kelantan, Johor, Negeri Sembilan and Perak. These officers were flown to Sabah to work in three different locations, Lahad Datu, Semporna and Sandakan. Among the tasks carried out in Sabah were swabbing and

	sampling in clinics and fields, monitoring COVID-19 positive patients in hospitals as well as quarantine centers. They were on duty for almost a month in Sabah and various challenges and experiences gained throughout the period.
2020	Guidelines on Oral Healthcare for Toddlers in Collaboration with external agencies was developed in July 2020 by the working committee members. The guidelines was a new initiative hinging on a collaborative strategy with various stakeholders to strengthen the current toddler program under OHP. A briefing session with various agencies consisting of the Malaysian Armed Forces, universities, <i>Persatuan TASKA</i> and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) was held on 9th March 2021 to promote this new initiative. Following that, the guidelines was approved for implementation in all states on 1st April 2021. <i>Garis panduan Tahap Kesakitan Sebagai Tanda Vital Kelima dan Pengurusan Kesakitan di Klinik Pergigian</i> was approved and published on June 2020 after piloting its implementation at every state, pre-tested at 1 dental clinic per district in 2019 followed subsequently by implementation in 3 dental clinics per district in every state in 2020. Oral Health Programme, MOH created its own history by organising the first virtual launching of Oral Health Promotion Week on 19th August 2020 via Facebook Live platform. The grand virtual launching event with the theme <i>Norma Baharu, Senyuman Baharu</i> was officiated by the Principal Director of Oral Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia. Terengganu Oral Health Division as the co-organiser for this year's event contributed to the technical aspect of the virtual-stage set up. At the national level, pre-launch activities such as instavideo and infographic competitions received an overwhelming response and participation from all over the country. Meanwhile, at the state level, various promotional activities continued for the whole week after the launching. An official team comprising co-administrators and content developers was established to further strengthen and facilitate the management of the social media. On 19th October 2020, Oral Health Programme created its own official Twitter page with the objectives of expanding and diversifying the medium of information dissemination to the community. <i>Garis Panduan Pengendalian Perkhidmatan Pergigian Outreach Melalui Pasukan Pergigian Bergerak, Klinik Pergigian Bergerak Dan Makmal Pergigian Bergerak</i> was approved on 20 October 2020 and was implemented in year 2021. TOT of <i>Kesihatan Oral Tanpa Amalan Merokok (KOTAK)</i> for the second edition of KOTAK guidelines was conducted via Skype for Business (SFB) online meeting on 28th October 2020 with the KOTAK state co-ordinators. Through a letter dated 21 December 2020, bulk approval for the relaxation of conditions was obtained from the Public Service Department for the contractual appointment of Dental Officers from Grade UG41 to Grade UG44. Implementation of Pain Management as <i>Garis panduan Tahap Kesakitan Sebagai Tanda Vital Kelima dan Pengurusan Kesakitan di Klinik Pergigian</i> nationwide, at all dental clinics in all districts/states, as of 1 January 2021.

2020	An Excel format for seamless compilation of numerous reports for preschoolers, schoolchildren, and young adults was introduced for implementation starting 1st January 2021.								
	This format named ‘Gi-RET PSY 2020’ was developed by a team of highly skilled individuals from several states using complex Visual Basic for Application (VBA) instructions integrated into a format that simplified and minimized errors in generating reports.								
2021	The revised “Guidelines - Oral Healthcare for Schoolchildren, 3rd edition”, was approved for early implementation at state level in March 2021. These guidelines emphasized a risk-based approach in delivering oral healthcare for schoolchildren. It was titled - <i>Garis Panduan Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Sekolah, edisi 3, 2021</i> . These guidelines used the acronym PERSiS – <i>Penilaian Risiko Sekolah</i> (risk-based approach) in identifying high risk schools for prioritization in service delivery.								
	The workshop on ‘ <i>Pengukuhan Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Primer</i> ’ was conducted from 16th until 18th March 2021 for the first time via video conferencing mode and attended by more than 1500 dental personnel from all over the country. Prior to this all workshops organised by the Primary Care Branch were held via face-to-face/physical meetings.								
	‘ <i>Guidelines on Conscious Sedation in Dentistry for Adult Patients</i> ’ was approved on the 26 January 2021 by Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health and uploaded onto the Oral Health Programme website.								
	The 2021 National COVID-19 Immunization Programme by the Special Committee for ensuring access to COVID-19 Vaccine Supply (JKJAV) is a strategy to ensure as many residents in Malaysia as possible will receive the vaccine to save lives in the fastest possible time. In line with this, Dental practitioners who have undergone training were allowed to administer COVID-19 vaccine, when directed by the Ministry of Health Malaysia during the Proclamation of Emergency period in accordance to the Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance 2021 at the specified location.								
	OPOM Specialty expanded its service in Selangor on 1st March 2021 in Hospital Serdang Selangor to deliver OPOM specialist care services to the public.								
	<i>Garis Panduan Program Kampung Angkat Pergigian</i> was approved on 20 October 2020 to be implemented in year 2021. Training to state coordinators was carried out on 3 March 2021.								
	Position Document on Use of Fluorides in Malaysia was approved by the JDPKP meeting on 19 April 2021.								
	The ‘Special Need Dentistry’ Specialty was rebranded to ‘Special Care Dentistry’ effective from 1May 2021.								
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	Surgeons' Designation	Specialist in Special Need Dentistry	Specialist in Special Care Dentistry
2021	The National Oral Health Patient Safety Committee (NOHPSC) was established in June 2021 to function as prime movers to increase awareness on the importance of patient safety by planning and monitoring patient safety initiatives and activities at all dental facilities. NOHPSC is chaired by the Principal Director of Oral Health Programme. Quality Section serves as the main secretariat and committee members comprised of two (2) state Deputy Directors, four (4) state Quality Coordinators and representatives from a few Sections of the Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health (OHPMOH).		
	The official launch of the National-Level Campaign on Dental Check-ups at Least Once a Year [<i>Kempen Pemeriksaan Pergigian Sekurang-kurangnya Sekali Setahun (PEPS1S)</i>] was held on 8th July 2021 through the Oral Health Promotion Week platform. The grand virtual launching event using the Facebook Live platform, with the theme "Ingat Hari Jadi, Ingat Doktor Gigi" was officiated by Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Binti Almarhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj. The PEPS1S campaign aims to increase the utilisation of oral health services especially by the target groups, namely young adults, adults and elderly.		
	Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of <i>Pendidikan Kesihatan Pergigian Dalam Talian</i> (PKPDT) throughout the country in July 2021 as an alternative to oral health education in pre-schools and schools which was previously held face to face. As a start, the implementation is focused on pre-school and schoolchildren aged 6, 9, 11, 14 and 16 years old.		
	The Cabinet Meeting on 14 July 2021 agreed that contract Medical Officers, Dental Officers and Pharmacists be offered an extension for another two (2) years after completing the compulsory service contract period for continuity of service and preparation for specialist studies. Officers who successfully obtain an offer to pursue a master's degree in this period of 2 years will have their contract extended to a maximum of 4 more years to complete their studies.		
	The second Dental Icon (IGG) Convention was held virtually in line with the new norm practice through the MOH Oral Health Program's Facebook Live on 11th August 2021.		
	The inaugural National Oral Health Patient Safety Seminar 2021 was officiated by YBrs. Dr Noormi binti Othman, Principal Director of OHPMOH, Malaysia on 7 October 2021 in conjunction with World Patient Safety Day 2021. This seminar was held entirely on a virtual platform via Facebook Live with its theme "Patient Safety Our Priority", aimed to increase awareness amongst dental practitioners about prioritising patient safety and health and further reiterate OHPMOH's commitment and support for WHO's resolution for "Global Action on Patient Safety".		

2021	The 13th National Innovation Awards 2021 (AIKKM) was successfully conducted virtually on 25-26 October 2021. 31 dental projects out of a total of 127 MOH projects participated and competed in the 4 categories namely; product (19), process (7), technology (4) and service (1) innovations. 8 dental product innovations successfully made it through to the finals. It was a proud moment for Oral Health Programme when the COVIDOX innovation team from Tampin District Dental Office (DDO), Negeri Sembilan won 2nd best product innovation award for KOJAU, a modified dental clinic innovation using the “plug and play” concept to cater to patients requiring aerosol generating procedures (AGP). Additionally, the FES innovation team from Alor Gajah DDO, Melaka won 3rd best product innovation award for their Foot Operated Eco-Friendly Suction (FES), which comes in the form of a mobile, manually operated, lightweight and non-electrical suction system innovation.
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled ‘Management of Unerupted and Impacted Third Molar Teeth (2nd Edition)’ was approved by the CPG Council and published in November 2021.
	The installation and configuration of additional storage of the TPC-OHCIS system in <i>Pusat Data Sektor Awam</i> (PDSA) was completed in November 2021 to increase data storage space.
	The first audit on <i>Klinik Pergigian Mesra Promosi</i> and Star Rating was conducted from 15 – 30th November 2021 throughout Malaysia with 28 auditors appointed by the Oral Health Programme.
2022	With the Dental Act 2018 coming into force on 1 January 2022, the secretariat for the Joint Technical Committee for Evaluation of Dental Specialty Programme (JTCEDSP) was handed over to the Malaysian Dental Council from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency. The Oral Health Accreditation and Globalisation Section was given the responsibility to ensure the running of the committee.
	Through a letter dated 4 March 2022, bulk approval for the relaxation of conditions was obtained from the Public Service Department for the contractual appointment of Dental Officers from Grade UG44 to Grade UG48 based on the equivalent career path of permanent officers.
	New appointments for members of the Joint Technical Accreditation Committee (JTAC) and the Joint Technical Committee for Evaluation of Dental Specialty Programme (JTCEDSP) by the Malaysian Dental Council under the Dental Act 2018 effective 15 February 2022 and 11 April 2022 respectively.
	The revised guideline, <i>Garis Panduan Pengurusan Penyakit Dan Kondisi Periodontium Serta Peri-Implan Pergigian Di Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Primer</i> (second edition) was approved for implementation on April 2022. This guideline includes Basic Periodontal Screening (BPE) and referral procedure for patients with periodontal disease for further management by respective dental specialists.

2022	Following the publication of Clinical Practice Guidelines: Management of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) - 6th Edition, as there is bi-directional relationship between diabetes and periodontal diseases, the guideline recommends that medical practitioners refer diabetic patients to dental practitioners as part of holistic healthcare management for patients with T2DM. The patient will be given dental screening which includes the Basic Periodontal Examination (BPE) at the dental clinic for early detection of periodontal disease. Pilot implementation of T2DM patient referral from <i>Klinik Kesihatan</i> to <i>Klinik Pergigian</i> for BPE screening by Proof of Concept (POC) is scheduled to begin in June 2022 in seven (7) selected KK and KPs with the presence of Family Medicine Specialist and Periodontal specialist services.
	Upgrade of Gi-Ret PSY 2020 to web-based Gi-Ret PSY 2.0 application has been proposed by a team of developers appointed to enhance the functionality of existing Gi-Ret PSY. This application were approved by ICT Technical Committee (JTI) MOH on 27 January 2022. A Workshop on the Gi-Ret PSY 2020 Improvement to the Gi-Ret PSY 2.0 System for the Oral Health Program, MOH was conducted from 21 till 25 March 2022 involving the Gi-Ret PSY 2020 Development Team and the Gi-Ret PSY 2.0 Development Team. The new application is currently being developed and scheduled for implementation in the field by 2023.
	The final revised "Guidelines - Oral Healthcare for Schoolchildren, 3rd edition", was approved in April 2022 for nationwide implementation upon completion of the pilot implementation at state level which began in March 2021. This document highlights the use of <i>Penilaian Risiko Sekolah</i> (PERSiS), a risk-based strategy in identifying high risk schools for prioritization in service delivery for school children.
	The Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Straumann Group Sdn. Bhd. (Straumann Group), a world-class leading company in the field of implantology and esthetic dentistry, which will benefit the treatment of dental implants to the people including the less fortunate to get dental implant treatment on 19 May 2022. Through this MoU, the Straumann Group intends to contribute as many 3,000 complete dental implant packages worth more than RM10 million to groups of people in need.
	All provisions except Section 37(4)(a), 37(4)(b) and 40(1)(b) of the Dental Act 2018 [Act 804] came into force effective January 1st, 2022 to replace the Dental Act 1971 which has regulated the practice of dentistry for the past 50 years. Act 804 is an Act to provide for the establishment of the Malaysian Dental Council and the Malaysian Dental Therapist Board (MDTB), to provide for the registration of dental surgeons and dental therapists, to regulate the practice of dentistry and related matters.
	The Guidelines for Application of Temporary Practising Certificates under the Dental Act 2018 was published in January 2022 following the approval by the Council in its 139th MDC Meeting held on 22 November 2021.

2022	The Malaysian Dental Therapists Board's members under the Dental Act 2018 were appointed by the Minister of Health on 1st June 2022.
	The first meeting of MDTB was held on 8th June 2022, and was chaired by Principal Director of Oral Health
	The first cohort of the Malaysian Dental Council's members under the Dental Act 2018 were appointed by the Minister of Health on 1st July 2022.
	The Code of Professional Conduct 2022 has been enforced on 1st July 2022 and supersedes all previous versions as per decision of the Council in its Second MDC Meeting under the Dental Act 2018 held on 14th March 2022.
	The Guidelines and Provisions for Public Information 2022 was published with the effective date on 1st July 2022 as per decision of the Council in its Second MDC Meeting under the Dental Act 2018 held on 14th March 2022.
	The first Malaysian Dental Council meeting with the new cohort of appointed members under the Dental Act 2018 was held on 2 August 2022 where the Corporate Strategic Plan for the MDC 2022-2026 was presented.
	The initiation of online payment for the registration of Dental Therapists and Post Basic Dental Therapists commenced in October 2022 through the Malaysian Healthcare Practitioners' System (MHPS) platform.
	The initiation of online payment for the registration of Dental Surgeons and Dental Specialists commenced in November 2022 through the Malaysian Healthcare Practitioners' System (MHPS) platform.
	The Malaysian Dental Council received delegates from the Indonesian Medical Council to discuss the recognition of dental degrees in Malaysia on 22 December 2022.
	The Patient Safety Symposium was held for the first time on 23 May 2023. It was held specifically to discuss issues related to patient safety and as a medium for sharing incident reporting between all states. This is important to get input from all parties on suggested improvement actions that can be taken to curb the recurrence of incidents involving dental patients.
	The Clinical Monitoring Guide has been approved and distributed to all states and PPKK & ILKKM on 9 August 2022 as a reference for the implementation of clinical monitoring which will begin in 2023.
	For 2022, the Oral Health Promotion Week (MPKP) with the theme " <i>Cegah dan Rawat, Serlah Senyuman Sihat</i> " has been successfully implemented from 28th July to 3rd August 2022. The Oral Health Promotion Week was launched by the Principal Director of Oral Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia virtually on Facebook Live of the Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health Malaysia on 28th July 2022. The event was collaborated between the Oral Health Program and the Perlis Oral Health Division.

2022	MyBrushHour2022 activities have been introduced in addition to the activities that are usually held at Oral Health Promotion Week (MPKP) in previous years. This activity has been successfully implemented on 5th July 2022 simultaneously throughout Malaysia involving selected facilities such as dental clinics, kindergartens etc. The activity which aims to encourage, guide and increase the awareness of the Malaysian community about the importance of maintaining oral health by training the community to brush their teeth in the right way and technique to achieve optimal oral health has received a very encouraging response from various communities consisting of the general public and members of the ministry with the participation of 68,559 participants involving 1,433 facilities throughout Malaysia.
	The appointment of members to the Joint Technical Committee for Evaluation of Dental Specialty Programmes (JTCEDSP) was issued by the Malaysian Dental Council (MPM) on April 11, 2022, and June 8, 2022. This appointment was made as an extension of the entry into force of the Dental Act 2018 on January 1, 2022. The primary objective of the JTCEDSP is to develop, maintain, and continuously improve the quality of dental specialty training in Malaysia. It serves as the dedicated committee responsible for evaluating and recommending the accreditation of specialty training programs in dentistry.
	The revision of the Code of Practice for Programme Accreditation Bachelor of Dental Surgery 2.1 (COPPA BDS 2.1) was endorsed by the Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) at the 4th Meeting on August 2, 2022. It can be accessed online through the MDC website
	A Mobile Dental Clinic (Bus type) with 2 dental chairs was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division of Sabah under the RMK-12, RP1 budget allocation
	4 units of Mobile Dental Clinic (Coaster type) with 1 dental chair was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division of Sarawak under the RMK-12, RP1 budget allocation
	A Mobile Dental Clinic (Coaster type) with 1 dental chair was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division of Negeri Sembilan under the RMK-12, RP1 budget allocation
2023	The Guidelines on Continuing Professional Development for Practitioners in Malaysia was published with the effective date 1st January 2023 as per decision of the Council in its Fifth MDC Meeting [Act 804] held on 19 September 2022.
	The online APC new application module went live on 25th October 2023 through the Malaysian Healthcare Practitioners' System (MHPS) platform.
	A dental specialist projection for 2023 until 2030 based on Supply and Needs-Based Requirements Projection using System Dynamics modelling and simulation approach has been conducted through collaboration with Oral Health Programme MOH and UTeM (lead by Prof Madya Ts Dr Zuraida Abal Abas). System Dynamics Approach (implemented in VENSIM simulation software) proved to be doable and useful. It has the capacity to adjust itself through changes made in the variables over time allowing us to evaluate outcomes in different scenarios. From the simulation model created for all 9 Dental Specialists, the GAP between projected supply

	and the projected requirement has been obtained. Therefore, the projected requirement by 2030 has been identified. In the future, advanced training to further refine the simulation models for example to include the need of dental facilities will be conducted.
2023	The concept of Community Services in School Dental Clinic (<i>Pemasyarakatan Perkhidmatan Klinik Pergigian Sekolah [PPKPS]</i>) was introduced in schools with School Dental Clinics (SDC) where the delivery of dental services is not only limited to school children but is also extended to the teachers, supporting staff and their family members. The rationale for the PPKPS initiative is to optimize the use of dental facilities in SDC, expand the role of dental staff in SDC and promote the oral health services to the local community. In July 2022, the PPKPS pilot project was carried out in 30 schools involving seven (7) states. Approval was granted by the Ministry of Education (MOE) for the PPKPS pilot project until April 2023. Following this, 30 SDCs were selected based on a number of criteria, namely complete dental equipment and assets, water supply and electrical power source that complies with the standards, adequate human resources as well as the approval and permission from the school authorities. The scope of services delivered through PPKPS includes promotion and prevention of dental diseases, basic dental treatment and referrals for specific cases for further management. 70 additional SDCs were identified on 20 December 2022, bringing the total number of 100 PPKPS in 2023. The guideline on “<i>Tatacara Perolehan Bahan Pergigian Guna Sama Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia</i>” had been approved for implementation on the 10th February 2023. The book entitled “Core Competencies of Dental Specialties in the Ministry of Health Malaysia” had been approved to be uploaded on the Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health website on the 16th January 2023. Reviews on “Guidelines for Conscious Sedation in Dentistry for Adult Patients 2020” had been approved for implementation on the 15th August 2023. The guidelines on “Training Module of Conscious Sedation in Dentistry” for Dental Specialist, Dental Office and Dental Surgery Assistant had been approved for implementation on the 18th February 2023 at “<i>Pusat Penyelidikan dan Klinikal Conscious Sedation in Dentistry</i>” in Hospital Kajang, Selangor. <i>Buku “Garis Panduan Tugas Atas Panggilan bagi Perkhidmatan Pergigian di Fasilitas Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia”</i> had been approved for implementation and uploaded on the Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health website on the 4th. October 2023. The Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, officially launched the National Oral Health Policy during the World Oral Health Day 2023 celebrations. This significant event took place on March 20th, 2023, at Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia, marking a pivotal step in the nation's commitment to healthcare. The primary objective of this policy is to significantly enhance the oral health status and

	quality of life for the Malaysian population. This will be achieved through strategic collaborations with stakeholders in both the public and private sectors. The policy places a strong emphasis on oral healthcare promotion, clinical prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation, particularly focusing on priority groups such as marginalized and vulnerable populations. The implementation of this policy is anticipated to develop a healthcare system that is not only high in quality but also equitable, affordable, efficient, technologically suitable, environmentally friendly, customer-focused, and innovative. Central to the National Oral Health Policy are its guiding principles, which revolve around promoting universal health coverage, ensuring the provision of safe and high-quality oral healthcare, and the seamless integration of oral health services with general healthcare. These principles are expected to lay a strong foundation for a comprehensive and inclusive healthcare framework, benefitting the entire Malaysian community.
2023	This National Oral Health Strategic Plan is a 10-year plan formulated based on consensus of all stakeholders in oral health to ensure commitment of all relevant agencies for the national health agenda. The strategies and actions outlined in the National Oral Health Strategic plan leverage on the active involvement of all dental fraternity working together through coordination and partnership in improving the oral health outcome of the population The Ministry of Health Malaysia has officially updated its policy regarding the role of Dental Therapists, with the changes coming into effect from May 16, 2023. This revision reflects the Ministry's response to the evolving needs in human resource development and the increasing burden of dental diseases in Malaysia, particularly among young children. With a rise in dental staff, there is a renewed focus for Dental Therapists to provide specialized care for toddlers and preschoolers. This strategic emphasis is aimed at ensuring optimal oral health and instilling healthy oral care practices from an early age, setting a foundation for future generations in Malaysia to be free from dental diseases. Guidelines for Gazettement of Dental Specialists in The Ministry of Health Malaysia Version 2" received unanimous approval from all members during the "<i>Mesyuarat Penilaian Pewartaan Pakar Pergigian Bil. 3 Tahun 2023</i>," held on September 26, 2023. These pivotal guidelines are set to be implemented from November 1, 2023. Additionally, they have been made publicly available, with the document being published and uploaded on the official PKP KKM website on October 20, 2023. The Ministry of Health's recent initiative to reduce the use of amalgam in dental restorations was officially sanctioned during the "<i>Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Dasar Kesihatan Pergigian (JDPKP) Ministry of Health Bil. 4 Tahun 2023</i>," held from August 27th to 29th, 2023. This critical policy, set to be implemented from January 1, 2024, outlines a new direction in the utilization of amalgam fillings within the Ministry's dental health service facilities. This strategic shift in the use of amalgam fillings aligns with the goals of the National Dental Health Strategic Plan 2022-2030 and the COP 4 Minamata Convention on Mercury. It represents the Ministry of Health's commitment to adapting its dental health

	services to contemporary environmental and health standards, ensuring safer and more sustainable dental care practices in Malaysia.
2023	Publication of The Compendium on Enforcement Cases of Private Dental Facilities under Private Healthcare Facilities Services Act 1998 [Act 586] for 2009 - 2021.
	The Oral Health Programme remains steadfast in its dedication to enhancing the quality of oral healthcare services for the public. In alignment with the <i>Pelan Strategik Pendigitalan</i> (PSP) KKM 2021-2025, the nationwide implementation of the MyVAS Online Appointment System in Dental Clinics commenced on May 15, 2023. By August 2023, an impressive 87.2% (581) of oral healthcare facilities within the Ministry of Health had embraced this transformative system, with the objective of streamlining and digitizing the dental treatment appointment process for MOH clients. The application of the appointment system extends beyond client interactions, as dental health officers and specialists leverage its capabilities to schedule follow-up appointments. These encompass both primary oral healthcare services and Non-Hospital Based Specialties such as Orthodontics, Restorative Dentistry, Periodontics, and Dental Public Health
	Pilot study on BPE screening was conducted among 16 years old in eight (8) secondary schools in Selangor. Periodontal screening using Basic Periodontal Examination (BPE) was introduced among 15 to 17 years old schoolchildren in 2023.
	MOH Modified ICDAS (MMI) was introduced in 2019 among primary schoolchildren and this index was extended to be used among secondary schoolchildren in 2023. National calibration was conducted from May to July 2023.
	5 units of Portable Handheld X-Ray System was allocated for the expansion of Forensic Odontology Speciality at Hospital Pulau Pinang, Hospital Tengku Ampuan Afzan Kuantan, Hospital Umum Sarawak, Hospital Queen Elizabeth Kota Kinabalu and Hospital Kuala Lumpur.
	Implementation of denture manufacturing through the use of 3D Digital Printing Technology (3DDT) was introduced in the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) by Proof of Concept (POC) in 2 dental clinics, MOH for a period of 3 months from August - November 2022. The use of this technology can increase the production of dentures in a shorter period compared to existing practice, as well as reducing the number of patient visits to dental clinics from 5 times to 2 times. In addition, the use of the 3D printing technology can increase the production of dentures (expected 30,000 dentures per month) which benefit more patients in a year.
	The Gi-Ret 2.0 System (developed in-house) went live starting January 1, 2023 throughout the state. This system was developed starting in 2021 to function as a one-stop-centre for online data collection covering dental information for all categories of patients in dental clinics and outreach. All reports can be generated automatically in real time using the entered data.

2023	The first National Clinical Monitoring Workshop was held at the Santa Grand Signature Hotel, Kuala Lumpur from 25 to 27 July 2023. Following the discussion sessions held during this 3-day workshop, there were several suggestions for improvement to the Clinical Monitoring Guide issued in 2022. After receiving feedback from most states/institutes, amendments have been made to improve aspects pertaining to implementation of Clinical Monitoring at national level. As of August 2023, all states and PPKK & ILKKM started on the implementation of clinical monitoring after they received the latest version of the guidelines.
	The Oral Health Programme has played an active role in various engagements with the World Health Organization (WHO). Malaysia, as a member state, is committed to implementing the WHO Global Health Agenda, which includes the Resolution on Oral Health (WHA 74.5, 2021), the Global Oral Health Strategy (2022), and the Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023-2030). Dr. Mustaffa Jaapar, a Dental Public Health Dental Specialist, was the first dental practitioner to represent the Malaysian delegation along with other health professionals at the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2023 and 2024.
	The Oral Health Programme of the Ministry of Health Malaysia played a pivotal role in advocating for oral health to be included as an agenda item under noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) at the 75th Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific in 2024. Since 2023, the programme has been actively preparing an explanatory memorandum to promote the implementation of the Global Oral Health Strategy and Action Plan among member states, addressing the significant burden of oral diseases and conditions in the region.
	This initiative was prepared by Dr Mustaffa Jaapar, supported strongly by Dr Noormi Othman the Deputy Director General for Oral Health Programme, MOH, and the Director-General of Health Malaysia, Datuk Dr. Muhammad Radzi bin Abu Hassan. A formal letter (Ref. No. KKM.600-2/1/49 JLD 2(8)) was sent on 2 February 2024 by the Minister of Health Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Haji Dzulkefly Ahmad to the WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific, Dr. Saia Piu Mau Kala, along with a comprehensive report on oral health for the region.
	The proposal received approval from the Regional Director, making history as the first time globally that a specific oral health panel session was included in the agenda of a WHO regional committee meeting. This groundbreaking achievement highlights the Western Pacific region's leadership in prioritizing oral health at the international level.
	Guidelines for Dental Record Keeping and Dental Charting was endorsed by the Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) at the 7th MDC Meeting on 14 February 2023 and the Malaysian Dental Therapists Board (MDTB) at the 3rd MDTB Meeting on 11 April 2023 to be effective from 1st January 2024.
	The new website of Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) went live on 21st November 2023 with the upgrade of the website platform and the transition of the official URL. This transformation reflects the commitment to digital modernisation and is in line with the Government's rationalisation policy for official websites.

2024	The title from Principal Director of Oral Health to Deputy Director General of Health (Oral Health) has been approved by the central agency under warrant number S130 Tahun 2024, effective September 1, 2024. Given that the Oral Health Program is the primary service provider for the nation's oral health, it is essential that it be led by the Deputy Director General of Health (Oral Health), who will provide a comprehensive approach to oral health. This new title will enhance the visibility of oral health in policy decisions at the highest level of the Ministry of Health and ensure parity in the organizational structure. Consequently, this change will also facilitate greater involvement of the three Division Directors of the Oral Health Program in top management meetings at the Ministry of Health.
	On the 12 March 2024 the Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia approved the guideline entitled “<i>Garis Panduan Penggunaan Gelaran Pakar Pergigian Perunding, Program Kesihatan Pergigian, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia</i>”. The dental specialist who has been gazetted for at least ten years has the opportunity to be recognized and use the title of consultant dental specialist. This represents a significant endorsement to all specialists after at least 10 years of experience to be recognized as consultant. This guideline serves as a pivotal tool in acknowledging and accrediting highly skilled oral health specialists.
	<i>Pelan Induk Kepakaran Pergigian Tahun 2023 - 2030</i> (Oral Health Specialist Master Plan year 2023 - 2030) has been approved at the Mesyuarat Khas KPK Bil. 5/2024 on 26th June 2024, chaired by Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia. Following this presentation, this master plan shall be presented at the next <i>Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Dasar dan Perancangan Kesihatan Pergigian KKM</i> for approval.
	The Oral Health Pain-Free Symposium was held for the first time on July 4, 2024, at the National Cancer Institute, Putrajaya, with the theme: 'Revolutionalizing Pain-Free Dentistry.' It was organized specifically as a platform to emphasize to all dental personnel the importance of proper pain assessment, which is crucial for accurate diagnosis and effective pain management in dental patients.
	The 3rd National Oral Health Research Initiative (NOHRI) Conference was held on September 5-7, 2024, at Damar Sari Hall, Complex F, Putrajaya, with the theme of Precision Dentistry: Unveiling the Future Through Data-Driven Insights. It is a collaboration effort between the Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health, and the Malaysian Association of Dental Public Health Specialists (MADPHS). The Malaysian Minister of Health, YB Datuk Seri Dr. Haji Dzulkefly Ahmad, officiated the event virtually. Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi bin Abu Hassan, the Director General of Health, was present to deliver the keynote address and launch the opening gimmick of the conference. A total of 223 persons attended the conference; from the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Health, or the Malaysian Armed Forces. The conference aimed to facilitate the exchange of perspectives and experiences in oral health research to advance the national oral health research agenda, offer a platform for researchers to present their findings, and foster robust collaboration in disseminating information about oral health research to enhance the overall dynamism of the oral health research system.

2024	The Oral Health Programme has launched the '1 Individual: 1 Dental Record' initiative in June 2024, marking a significant advancement in healthcare services. This initiative allows individuals to directly access their dental records through the MySejahtera application. Data from the Dental Information System (DIS) has been seamlessly integrated into the application, creating a comprehensive Lifetime Health Record (LHR). This digital approach not only optimizes patient care but also provides crucial support for forensic odontology services, particularly in the Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) process.
	On 2nd September 2024, the Oral Health e-reporting System (Gi-Ret 2.0 System) was approved for an upgrade to the Dental Information System (DIS) by Jawatankuasa Pemandu ICT KKM Bil 6/2024. The DIS, a web-based platform utilizing modern open-source technology, is designed to provide holistic and integrated Oral Health services. Its primary goal is to support the "One Patient, One Dental Record" initiative, aligning with international health data standards such as SNOMED-CT and the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). DIS is prepared to adopt future technology updates and can be integrated with other systems. The system comprised four sub-systems: DIS:Clinical, DIS:Resource, DIS:Practitioner and DIS:Survey. This digital transformation aligns with the Pelan Strategik Pendigitalan KKM 2021–2025, ensuring continuity of care and improving IT proficiency among oral healthcare workers.
	Accreditation of postgraduate dental programs was introduced as a quality assurance mechanism. The Code of Practice for Programme Accreditation – Postgraduate Dental Degree Programmes (COPPA PG DENTAL) was developed by the COPPA_PG Dental Committee, appointed by the Joint Technical Committee for the Evaluation of Dental Specialty Programmes (JTCEDSP) of the Malaysian Dental Council (MDC). This document was endorsed by the MDC on 23rd May 2024, and is now available on the MDC website. It serves as a national reference and quality assurance standard for dental specialty training programs, used by Higher Education Providers (HEPs) and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)-appointed panel of assessors for accreditation evaluations.
	2024 The Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health Malaysia, organized its first Training of Trainers (TOT) sessions for two key Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs): Management of Anterior Crossbite in Mixed Dentition (3rd Edition) and Management of Hypodontia (2nd Edition). The sessions aimed to standardize dental care and enhance clinical excellence nationwide. Specialists from various states were trained to disseminate evidence-based practices, focusing on updated diagnostic and management techniques. The TOT for Anterior Crossbite was held on February 28, 2024, while the session for Hypodontia took place on April 2, 2024. Participants included experts in orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, public health, and restorative dentistry. On October 22, 2024, the Oral Health Programme officially launched these CPGs at The Pearl Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The CPGs were developed using the latest evidence to enhance early intervention and individualized treatment strategies. The event was attended by stakeholders from the Ministry of Health, universities, dental associations, and other professionals, showcasing the Ministry's commitment to advancing standardized, high-quality dental care in Malaysia.

2024	The Oral Health Program, MOH continues to advance its efforts to phase down dental amalgam usage, aligning with the Minamata Convention and the WHO's Global Oral Health Action Plan. A key event on 11 September 2024 was the second stakeholder meeting that included representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Defence, the Malaysian Dental Council, several dental associations, dental industries, the Consumer Association, and waste management company. The meeting focused on reviewing the existing initiatives and planning future strategies to achieve the phase down dental amalgam usage by 2030. The Ministry of Health (MOH) has exceeded the expectations of amalgam usage on patients, with only 1.82% usage in 2023, well below the 5% target set for 2025. Furthermore, effective on 1 January 2024, MOH's policy on amalgam usage prohibits the use of amalgam for high-risk groups, including children and pregnant women.
	The search for active dental practitioners function is made available on the Malaysian Dental Council (MDC)'s website as of 5th April 2024. This function allows stakeholders and the public to easily verify the registration status of dental practitioners in Malaysia. It reflects MDC's commitment to upholding professional standards and fostering public trust in the dental profession.
	Malaysia joined the Oral Health Panel during the 75th Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific from October 21–25, 2024. The session, part of Agenda Item 11, focused on strengthening member countries' commitment to oral health and the implementation of the Global Oral Health Action Plan (GOHAP) 2023–2030. Malaysia was invited alongside representatives from Cambodia and Tonga, chaired by Vanuatu. Key topics discussed included strengthening oral health governance and research, promoting lifelong oral health and disease prevention, and integrating oral healthcare into primary care under Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Malaysia presented its initiatives, including efforts to enhance the dental health workforce, improve disease management access, and strengthen dental health information systems. Malaysia reaffirmed its commitment to integrating oral health into primary care to achieve UHC and ensure equitable access to comprehensive oral health services. As a global leader in dental healthcare, Malaysia continues to align its initiatives with GOHAP's strategic objectives, focusing on workforce development, service integration, and health information systems. Participation in this panel provided an opportunity for Malaysia to share experiences and collaborate with 37 other member countries in addressing oral health challenges in the Western Pacific. Discussions also emphasized WHO's new regional vision, "Connecting Health for Families, Communities, and Societies," focusing on sustainable community-based solutions for oral disease prevention and management.

2024	Malaysia actively participated in the first-ever WHO Global Oral Health Meeting held from 26 to 29 November 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. This meeting brought together representatives from over 100 countries, including health ministers, oral health leaders, UN agencies, civil society, and international experts, to strengthen commitments toward achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for oral health by 2030. The Bangkok Declaration, endorsed during the meeting, marked a significant milestone in integrating oral health into the prevention and management of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and strengthening primary healthcare systems. Malaysia was represented by the Director-General of Health, Datuk Dr. Muhammad Radzi bin Abu Hassan, who presented Malaysia's vision of integrating oral health into the national UHC framework. Deputy Director-General of Health (Dental Health), Dr. Noormi Othman, also shared insights on governance, leadership, and financing while emphasizing cross-sectoral collaboration to improve equitable access to oral healthcare. Malaysia highlighted key achievements such as the National Oral Health Policy, the National Oral Health Strategic Plan 2022-2030, and the Strategic Plan to Reduce Sugar Consumption 2024-2030. Initiatives like school dental clinics and partnerships with private sectors and NGOs to assist vulnerable groups were also showcased. Malaysia's participation underscored its commitment to increasing access to dental services in primary health facilities from 55% in 2023 to 80% by 2030, in alignment with the Global Oral Health Action Plan (GOHAP) 2023-2030 and the Bangkok Declaration. The Ministry of Health remains dedicated to ensuring sustainable oral health for all by 2030. At the 77th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Malaysia joined the Oral Health: Time for Commitment and Action event, highlighting progress in implementing the Global Oral Health Action Plan (GOHAP) 2023-2030. Malaysia's achievements in GOHAP implementation were shared by the Health Minister alongside representatives from Ireland, Kenya, Kuwait, Canada, and Sri Lanka. Discussions included innovative evaluation methods and stakeholder engagement beyond the oral health sector. Key topics included preparations for the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs to prioritize oral health, and the First WHO Global Oral Health Meeting in Thailand in December 2024. Emphasis was placed on political commitment and integrating oral health with NCD initiatives to advance UHC by 2030. Malaysia launched its National Oral Health Policy and Strategic Plan in 2023, implementing 18 actions aligned with GOHAP's six strategic objectives, monitored via an innovative reporting system. Since WHA's adoption of oral health resolutions (WHA74.5, WHA75.11), WHO has incorporated GOHAP targets into its NCD agenda, reinforcing oral health's global priority. Malaysia remains committed to GOHAP through partnerships across sectors and successfully proposed discussions on its implementation at the 2024 Western Pacific Regional Meeting in Manila to strengthen collective action.
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2024	Malaysia's Commitments to GOHAP 2023-2030 The World Health Organization (WHO) is assisting member states in strengthening the implementation of the Global Oral Health Action Plan (GOHAP) 2023-2030 to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for oral health by 2030. GOHAP comprises 6 strategic objectives, 11 global targets, and 100 actions, supported by the Global Coalition on Oral Health. Following a situational analysis of Malaysia's oral healthcare system, the National Oral Health Roadmap was identified as a priority initiative. Malaysia's Key Commitments under GOHAP: Action 1: Implement the National Oral Health Policy Strategic Plan and Action Plan by 10 December 2030. Action 62: Convert at least 80% of MOH's dental facilities and services in primary healthcare facilities to daily operations by 10 December 2030. Action 63: Expand the integration of MOH's oral health facilities and services into primary healthcare plans, increasing coverage from 55% (2023) to at least 80% by 10 December 2030. These commitments as supported by Director General of Health, Secretary General and Approved by the Minister of Health Malaysia
2025	Expanding T2DM Referral Systems: From Enhanced Primary Healthcare Clinics to Dental Clinics The expansion involves the implementation of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) referrals from Enhanced Primary Healthcare (EnPHC) Clinics to Dental Clinics. The T2DM referral initiative, which began in 2022 from Klinik Kesihatan (KK) (Health Clinics) to Klinik Pergigian (KP) (Dental Clinics), is based on three main rationales; The significant two-way relationship between T2DM and periodontitis, the recommendation from the 6th Edition of the T2DM Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) (2020) for referral to dental practitioners as part of holistic management and alignment with the National Oral Health Strategic Plan (NOHSP) 2022-2030 targets for increasing the percentage of referrals and Ks involved. Enhanced Primary Healthcare (EnPHC) is an initiative aimed at improving the health of Malaysians through a systematic approach to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at the primary healthcare level. As of 2025, the EnPHC initiative has expanded to 90 Ks across 6 states. The strategic direction for the T2DM referral initiative involves integration with the EnPHC program. Consequently, a New Performance Indicator (KPI) has been introduced to measure the success of this initiative within the EnPHC context: Percentage of MOH Ks with the EnPHC Program involved in T2DM referrals. - The Primary Target is that 100% of Health Clinics implementing the EnPHC Program are targeted to be involved in the initiative of referring T2DM patients to KPs for periodontium screening in 2025, 2026, and 2027. - The strategic direction for the KP in EnPHC Ks is to achieve 100% T2DM referral coverage among EnPHC facilities to ensure the full implementation of this recommended holistic disease management.

2025	3D Digital Technology (3DDT) Building on the success of a two-unit pilot study, the 3D Digital Technology (3DDT) initiative has expanded to 10 dental clinics across Malaysia. This rollout marks the first phase of a broader nationwide expansion aimed at optimizing the delivery of denture services. This technology revolutionizes denture fabrication by digitally scanning patients' oral structures and producing highly precise dentures. The MOH is fundamentally transforming the delivery of prosthodontic services, paving the way for a digital future. The new streamlined, digital workflow utilizing intraoral scanning and CAD/CAM fabrication will not only ensure a superior quality and fit for patients but also reduce treatment turnaround time and the number of patient visits, successfully enhancing service accessibility and operational efficiency across the public health system. This move strongly affirms Malaysia's position at the forefront of digital healthcare adoption, ensuring equitable access to advanced dental care and significantly elevating the quality of life for our citizens. <u>Key challenges:</u> including the steep learning curve for CAD software and the need for more in-house trainers, proactively needing long-term maintenance funding and focusing on the strategic goal of scaling up the initiative and integrating 3DDT into the National Oral Health Strategic Plan.
	National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children 2025 (NOHPS 2025) The National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children 2025 (NOHPS 2025) marked the fourth cycle of Malaysia's nationally representative oral health surveillance among 5-year-old preschool children, following previous surveys conducted in 1995, 2005, and 2015. The survey represents a major milestone in strengthening evidence-based planning for early childhood oral health, aligned with the National Oral Health Strategic Plan 2022–2030. NOHPS 2025 was implemented nationwide across all 13 states and three Federal Territories, employing a multi-stage stratified sampling design using registered kindergartens as primary sampling units. A total of 15,660 preschool children were successfully examined, representing approximately 632,500 five-year-old children, equivalent to 98.9% national population coverage based on Department of Statistics Malaysia estimates. Beyond clinical oral examinations, NOHPS 2025 expanded the scope of surveillance by integrating anthropometric assessment, parent and teacher questionnaires, and kindergarten environment assessment, enabling comprehensive evaluation of oral health status, oral health-related behaviours, service utilisation, nutritional status, and the oral health-promoting environment in preschools. The survey incorporated rigorous calibration and standardisation exercises, including gold standard and benchmark examiner calibration, zonal examiner calibration, and a national trial run prior to main data collection. Data collection was conducted using a digital Dental Information System (DIS: Survey) with structured field-level and centralised data verification, followed by systematic data cleaning, analysis, and report writing. Findings from NOHPS 2025 provide critical national and state-level baseline data to inform policy formulation, programme planning, monitoring of trends in early childhood

	caries and related conditions, and cross-sectoral action involving health, education, and community stakeholders. The survey also strengthens Malaysia's capacity for integrated oral health surveillance linked to child nutrition and early life determinants, supporting long-term oral health and general health outcomes. Findings from NOHPS 2025 showed that the prevalence of dental caries among 5-year-old preschool children was 60.7%, indicating that 39.3% of children were caries-free at this age. While this represents a substantial improvement compared to previous national surveys, the finding highlights a remaining gap towards the National Oral Health Strategic Plan (NOHSP) 2022–2030 target of achieving 50% caries-free status among 6-year-old children. The NOHPS 2025 data, therefore, serve as a critical baseline for monitoring progress and strengthening early preventive strategies to achieve the national target by 2030.
2025	The Oral Health Programme formalised a collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education and the Public University Health Council (MAKESUM) to obtain dental service coverage data from 18 University Health Centres nationwide. This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in strengthening dental service coverage among young adults in higher education institutions. Through this collaboration, university health service data is no longer confined to patient populations within dental faculties, enabling a more comprehensive representation of oral healthcare utilisation among university students. A Milestone in Strengthening Oral Health Clinical Practice in Malaysia. The Official Launch Ceremony of the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG), held on 5 November 2025, marked a historic milestone for the Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health Malaysia (OHP MOH). For the first time, three (3) Oral Health CPGs were launched simultaneously through a hybrid platform, combining a formal ceremony with nationwide live streaming via the OHP MOH Facebook page. The three evidence-based guidelines launched were the Management of Early Childhood Caries (3rd Edition), Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection (3rd Edition), and Dental Implant Maintenance for the Prevention of Peri-Implant Disease. This landmark event reflects the continued commitment of OHP MOH to strengthening oral healthcare services through evidence-based and patient-centred clinical practice. The hybrid format enabled wider participation and engagement among oral health professionals across the country, ensuring that the dissemination of these guidelines reached a broad and diverse audience. The Launch Ceremony was officiated by YBrs. Dr. Fauziah binti Ahmad, Deputy Director General of Health (Oral Health), and was attended by key stakeholders, including Heads of Dental Specialties, Deans of Dental Faculties, and leaders of professional dental associations. A notable highlight of the ceremony was the presence of invited international external reviewers, who were personally invited to witness the launch. Their participation underscored the global credibility, international benchmarking, and high methodological standards underpinning Malaysia's Oral Health CPG development process, reflecting its emphasis on rigour, transparency, and quality assurance.

	The successful launch of three Clinical Practice Guidelines in a single hybrid event represents a significant advancement in promoting quality, consistency, and excellence in oral healthcare delivery in Malaysia.
2025	Expansion of Electronic Dental Records through DIS: Clinical The expansion of electronic dental records via the Dental Information System (DIS: Clinical) marked a significant milestone in 2025. Initially targeted for implementation in 71 dental clinics, the initiative successfully exceeded expectations, with 120 dental clinics fully adopting DIS: Clinical nationwide. This expansion strengthened the standardisation of clinical documentation, improved continuity of patient care, enhanced data accessibility across service levels, and reinforced data-driven decision-making within the oral health programme. The achievement reflects strong inter-departmental collaboration, system readiness, and growing acceptance of digital clinical workflows across public dental facilities.
	DIS Developers Team Achievements In 2025, the DIS Developers Team achieved notable national recognition for innovation, technical excellence, and contribution to digital health transformation. i) First Place in the MOH Innovation Convention 2025, demonstrating impactful system enhancement and user-centric digital solutions. ii) Third Place in the ArcGIS Innovator League 2025 by ESRI Malaysia, highlighting advanced capabilities in geospatial analytics and data visualisation. iii) Anugerah Pelopor Visi “1 Individu, 1 Rekod” from MOH, acknowledging leadership in advancing integrated electronic health records and supporting the national vision for unified patient data
	Virtual Dental Clinic Implementation The implementation of the Virtual Dental Clinic commenced with the selection of 64 dental clinics nationwide for Phase 1 deployment. This initiative involved a strategic combination of nine (9) dental services, spanning primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of care, to enhance access to specialist support and strengthen continuity of care through digital platforms. The introduction of virtual dental clinics marked a significant step towards integrated, technology-enabled oral healthcare delivery, supporting more efficient service coordination and improved patient management across the national oral health system.
	Negeri Sembilan Dental Specialist Centre Construction Project (RMK11 RP4) The Negeri Sembilan Dental Specialist Centre construction project was approved in 2019 under the 11th Malaysia Plan Rolling Plan 4 (RMK11 RP4) which is also part of the effort to strengthen public health infrastructure for the well-being of the people. This project worth RM32 million was fully completed on 15 April 2025 and began operating in September 2025. This Dental Specialist Centre is equipped with 18 dental chairs which include 8 units of specialist dental chairs, diagnostic and imaging, dental laboratory services, medical support services and non-medical support services.

	With the increase in the size of the facility and the number of dental chairs, this Dental Specialist Centre is able to accommodate a higher number of patients per day from 80 people per day to 150 people per day. Through the increase in facility capacity and more modern equipment as well as the restructuring of clinical workflows, patient waiting times and the time between appointments can now be reduced. The Negeri Sembilan Dental Specialist Centre is also the first new facility of its kind in Malaysia to offer non-hospital based dental specialist services. It functions as a one-stop centre for various dental specialist services in the Central Zone of Malaysia which covers Negeri Sembilan, Putrajaya and Melaka. Sabah Dental Specialist Centre Construction Project (RMK10 RP4) The Sabah Dental Specialist Centre construction project is a physical dental health facility development project that has been approved under the Tenth Malaysia Plan Rolling Plan 4 (RMK10 RP4) with a total cost of RM32.76 million including contract costs and costs for medical and non-medical equipment. This project is being built conventionally involving the construction of a dental specialist building block equipped with 18 dental treatment rooms with 18 Dental Chairs that can accommodate up to 150 patients per day. This dental specialist centre will commence operations in early January 2026 by offering dental specialist services such as Orthodontics, Periodontics, Restorative Dentistry and Dental Public Health. As a one-stop centre for dental services for residents in Sabah and the Federal Territory of Labuan, this facility will make it easier for the people to access dental expertise and indirectly reduce congestion at existing dental clinics. In addition, other facilities at this centre include a Dental Laboratory, Centralised Sterilisation Room, X-Ray Room, Skills Laboratory, Dental Health Education Room, Store, Expertise Training Room and Administrative Office. Indeed, the strong collaboration between the Ministry of Health, Sabah Public Works Department and the State Government reflects the high commitment of the government and the Ministry of Health in developing health facilities in the state of Sabah through good governance and each project must be completed according to the quality, cost and time frame set so that the delivery of the best and quality health services can be provided for the well-being of all Malaysians.
2025	A) 14th Technical Working Group on Asean Dental Education (TWG-ADE) Meeting The Oral Health Programme of the Ministry of Health Malaysia (OHP MOH) had the privilege of hosting the 14th Technical Working Group on ASEAN Dental Education (TWG-ADE) Meeting, which took place on 10 February 2025 at the Penang State Health Department in Georgetown, Penang. This occasion marks the second time OHP MOH has organized this event, with the first being in 2017, and reaffirms its commitment to fostering collaboration among representatives from ASEAN Member States (AMS). OHP MOH continues to play an active role within the Technical Working Group, contributing substantively to discussions on significant developments in regional dental education. The TWG-ADE functions under the auspices of the ASEAN Joint Coordinating Committee on Dental Practitioners (AJCCD), which forms part of the Healthcare Services Sectoral Working Group (HSSWG). The committee is committed to promoting collaboration

	through the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) on Dental Practitioners and facilitates regular exchanges of information regarding dental service policies. This meeting provided an important forum for sharing expertise, enhancing regional cooperation, and advancing key initiatives in ASEAN dental education. B) Code of Practice for Programme Accreditation Postgraduate Dental Degree Programmes (COPPA PG-Dental) Version 2.2 of the Code of Practice for Programme Accreditation Postgraduate Dental Degree Programmes (COPPA PG-Dental) was endorsed by the Malaysian Dental Council (MDC) at its 21st meeting on 24 November 2025. These standards define the requirements for training, supervision, and assessment of dental specialists in Malaysia, and guide the Panel of Assessors (PoA) in accrediting dental specialty programmes. Key revisions include new provisions for postgraduate student articulation and credit transfer, guidelines for evaluating increased student quotas (Section VII), and updates to programme evaluation procedures (Section IV), curriculum review (Section VI), SLT calculation, flexi-time academic staff criteria, PoA report templates, and assessment rubrics.
2025	Following three (3) years of implementation of Dental 2018 [Act 804] which has been in force since 1st January 2022, the Oral Health Programme introduced a strategic initiative through the organization of the Intelligence Gathering for Authorized Officers under Act 804. The program was conducted from 14 to 16 July 2025 and served as a platform for knowledge exchange and experience sharing at the state level. Discussions focused on strategies and best practices for intelligence activities and enforcement operations. The program was further enhanced by experience-sharing from enforcement strategic partners from the Pharmaceutical Services Program, thereby strengthening cross-agency enforcement approaches. The program also incorporated integrity development elements through the involvement of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). This component aimed to raise awareness of corruption risks and strengthen integrity values among dental enforcement officers and ensure that every enforcement action is carried out transparently, accountably, and based on good governance principles. In summary, the organization of the Intelligence Gathering Program reflects the Oral Health Programme continued commitment to strengthening the enforcement capacity under Act 804, while ensuring that integrity and professionalism remain central to the execution of enforcement responsibilities. Since Act 804 came into force until 31 December 2025, the Oral Health Programme has conducted 129 enforcement operations across the country. These efforts resulted in 94 successful prosecutions and fines totalling RM2.107 million, highlighting the effectiveness of enforcement actions under Act 804. ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) AND PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY COVER Effective 1 January 2025, the Malaysian Dental Council implemented the mandatory requirement for all registered dental practitioners, both citizens and non-citizens, to demonstrate compliance with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and to

	possess valid Professional Indemnity Cover as a prerequisite for the issuance of the Annual Practising Certificate (APC) and Temporary Practising Certificate (TPC). This requirement is enforced pursuant to Section 37(4) of the Dental Act 2018 [Act 804] and reflects the Council's continued commitment to strengthening professional accountability, maintaining clinical competency, and safeguarding patient interests through structured lifelong learning and risk protection mechanisms.
2025	IMPLEMENTATION OF FULL CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION AS DENTAL SPECIALIST With effect from 1 January 2025, the Malaysian Dental Council fully enforced the criteria relating to postgraduate training requirements for registration in the Specialist Division of the Dental Register. Under this requirement, recognised specialist training programmes must: • Be of a minimum duration of four (4) years (full-time); or • Include an equivalent period of supervised specialty practice through the Specialty Enhancement Attachment Programme (SEAP). This milestone underscores the Council's commitment to ensuring that only individuals who have undergone rigorous and comprehensive specialist training are eligible for specialist registration, thereby upholding the highest standards of specialist practice in Malaysia. MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL QUALIFYING EXAMINATION (PQE) FOR TEMPORARY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (TPC) AS DENTAL SURGEON Effective 1 January 2025, the Malaysian Dental Council mandated that all non-Malaysian citizens seeking registration as a Dental Surgeon under a Temporary Practising Certificate (TPC) must successfully pass the Professional Qualifying Examination (PQE). Candidates are required to pass all three (3) components of the PQE within a three (3)-year period from the date of their first attempt at Part I. This requirement establishes the PQE as a critical competency benchmark, ensuring that all foreign-trained dental practitioners meet nationally prescribed standards prior to being allowed to practise in Malaysia. 78th World Health Assembly Side Event Countdown to the UNHLM on NCDs: From Bangkok to New York "Advancing universal health coverage for oral health by 2030" Malaysia was honoured to host this Side Event at the 78th World Health Assembly to accelerate progress toward universal health coverage (UHC) for oral health by 2030. This high-level platform fostered discussions leading up to the 4th UN High-Level Meeting (UNHLM) on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), building on the Bangkok Declaration – "No Health Without Oral Health." Policymakers, experts, and key stakeholders exchanged knowledge and strategies to ensure oral health was prioritized in the Political Declaration of the 4th UNHLM. Global

participation and multi-stakeholder collaboration were at the heart of this event. Malaysia, as the host from the Western Pacific Region (WPRO), was joined by co-sponsors across all six WHO regions, including the Bahamas, Egypt, France, Philippines, Senegal, and Thailand.

Collaboration with WHO, NCD Alliance, United Nations Foundation, University College London, and World Dental Federation (FDI) ensured a regionally diverse and multi-sectoral approach. The discussions addressed the determinants of oral diseases and their links to NCD prevention while advancing oral health as a primary healthcare priority.

Key Focus Areas

Strengthening health system capacities, improving service coverage, and ensuring financial protection were key focuses, alongside preparing for health risks from all hazards and promoting environmentally sustainable and safe oral healthcare. The event aligned with strategic objectives of the 14th Global Programme of Work of WHO (GPW14), the WHA78 agenda, and the Global Strategy and Action Plan on Oral Health 2023–2030, reinforcing the integration of oral health into UHC and global health priorities. The Global Coalition on Oral Health further strengthened this commitment by uniting Member States and partners in collective action.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this side event was to enable Member States to share actions, concepts, and ideas in advance of the Fourth UNHLM on NCDs in 2025. It aimed to generate momentum and promote interaction between countries on the use of global oral health policies and their capacity to influence national policies.

The event served as a platform to update Member States on recent developments and facilitate dialogue. Additionally, it reinforced the need for oral diseases to be recognized in the final UNHLM Political Declaration.

The three main objectives were to:

- **Promote** the Bangkok Declaration in shaping the UNHLM Declaration on NCDs.
- **Identify** opportunities for a coordinated effort among stakeholders to ensure oral diseases are prioritised.
- **Highlight** best practices integrating oral diseases prevention and control into NCD and UHC frameworks.

Co-Sponsors and Participants

Malaysia **invited** Member State High-Level Representatives to co-sponsor, including the Bahamas (PAHO), Egypt (EMRO), France (EURO), Philippines (WPRO), Senegal (AFRO), and Thailand (SEARO), alongside key partners.

Attendees included:

- Government officials & policymakers
- WHO & UN Foundation representatives
- Public health and oral health organizations
- Research institutions
- NSAs and global health advocates

A total of 100 in-person participants were invited.

2025	80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Side Event “Time to Act on Sugars: Advancing Health Equity and Tackling Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) with a Focus on Oral Diseases.” The Government of Malaysia, in collaboration with Ireland, France, and the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific, co-organized a high-level side event during the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) titled “Time to Act on Sugars: Advancing Health Equity and Tackling Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) with a Focus on Oral Diseases.” This event, held on 23 September 2025, responded to the growing global burden of NCDs, which were responsible for over 74% of all deaths, with 77% of those occurring in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Oral diseases—affecting over 3.7 billion people—remained one of the most prevalent yet neglected conditions within the NCD agenda, driven largely by excess sugar consumption. Malaysia’s Leadership and Strategic Action Malaysia took bold, evidence-based steps to curb this trend. The launch of its National Strategic Plan on Sugar Reduction 2024–2030 demonstrated a whole-of-government commitment to population-level interventions, such as: • Front-of-pack labelling • Marketing restrictions targeting children • Fiscal policies, including sugar taxation Malaysia also played a key leadership role in hosting the WHA78 side event, “Countdown to the UNHLM,” which amplified regional momentum through the <i>Bangkok Declaration: No Health Without Oral Health</i>. Key Highlights and Participation Keynote speakers included dignitaries from Malaysia, Ireland, France, and WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, alongside health ministers, development partners, and civil society leaders. The event showcased policy actions that aligned with WHO “Best Buys”, notably reducing sugar intake through proven, cost-effective strategies and drove a global call for accountability and sustainable financing. Commitment to the Future Malaysia reaffirmed its commitment to health equity and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by addressing sugar-related harms as a shared risk factor across the NCD spectrum. The side event served as a strategic milestone towards achieving Global Oral Health Action Plan (GOHAP) targets, including the goal of ensuring that 50% of countries adopt sugar-reduction policies by 2030, a target that, at the time, had been reached by only 21.1% of nations.
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