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A NEW PLAYER FOR A NEW ERA

**2 NEW CONTENDERS; dental buskers Malaysia & KOA
on our journey for a better Malaysian oral health status**

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Special Features



Social media is a phenomenon that has swept the world in its rise. It has grown from being a simple communication medium to something most of us with an internet access can live without. Malaysia is in a peculiar situation, though having a population of barely reaching 32 million, our population are in the top 5 nations with the highest social media coverage rivalling the likes of United States, South Korea and Japan. Social media has the good, the bad and the ugly side to it. It is up to all of us to use this medium as we see fit for better or for worse.

Media Sosial Rasmi untuk Promosi Kesihatan Pergigian is an effort done by the Oral Health Division to capitalize on using social media to promote oral health. The wide coverage combined with minimum costing provides an ideal means of promotion. Promotion however, if done wrong, may leave a bad taste to the public, further ostracizing some of the masses.

Four top social websites including Facebook, YouTube, Blog and Instagram are covered in this book. Topics such as the management of social media, content relevance and the do's and don'ts are discussed and elaborated in this 26 page book.

This book is in depth yet general enough to be used and adapted by not only the oral health personnel but also other organization with interest in this field.

Members of the Oral Health Division has come together to create a decent read that is informative yet engaging for the readers.

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Bridges. As a dentist, we imagine one of two things associated with the word. One referring to the structures such as the Penang Bridge while the other refers to one of the moneymaking treatment to put the smile back in our patients.

This bulletin functions not only to inform the dental personnel on what is happening with the world of dentistry in Malaysia but also to create awareness to the public on efforts made by the Oral Health Division to improve the oral health status of the nation.

Hence why we chose to rebrand our bulletin as the Bridge, to act as a flagship magazine for our dental fraternity at the same time 'Bridging the Gap' between us and the public. We hope you enjoy the revamped version of our new bulletin. Have a nice read.

WHY THE BRIDGE



The sound that the majestic rooster makes at the break of dawn. In the days of old this marks the start of a new day. With 2017 being the year of the rooster, we welcome this year with a new beginning as we continue our journey to improve the nation's oral health status.

No longer are the Oral Health Division tied with methods that has become irrelevant in the multimedia age. We welcome the addition of Dental Buskers in our ranks, as our new flagship of oral health promotion. We have too embarked into promotion of oral health through religion which has been an exciting journey throughout.

Oral Health Division also plans to start anew through policies such as the Taklimat Penrintah Fi (Perubatan) Pindaan 2017 and Persidangan Halatuju Kesihatan Pergigian Negeri.

It is only fair that our magazine too, take a fresh new start, from the change in editors to the change of concept. Enjoy our newly rebranded magazine, aptly name 'theBridge' which brings the theme of New Player for a New Era in Oral Health Delivery. I end this note with a quote from the legendary Mahatma Ghandi:

If you want to change the world, start with yourself

Have a nice read everybody!

Faris MN

We've chosen to go with a sporty theme this edition, a good representation of the concept we are presenting and something more eye catching (admit it, most of you are curious why such an image for the cover didn't you. :p).

The cover shows an image of a sportsman, ready to be fielded in, symbolic of the new face of Oral Health Division replacing the current OHD, into the field that represents our nation. We are currently under the spotlight, a time for us to shine; raising the curtain of opportunity for the nation to see OHD play their game in promoting health. The number 1 represents the aspiration to be first not only in our team, being the Ministry of Health but also in the nation.

All in all, like any sports, the result is what matters, who will score, who will prevail, who will survive? We are all that makes up OHD, so it is up to us, to make sure our team wins and better yet, us being the MVP.

Message from The Principle Director of Oral Health

Assalamuailakum and greetings to all.

It is my greatest pleasure to extend a hearty Happy New Year greeting for 2017 with the hopes of continuous development and the betterment of our program for the benefit of our beloved nation.

If 2016 was the year of reflection and transformation, then 2017 is the year of implementation and new beginnings.

The proverb 'No man is an island' stands true to this day and Oral Health Division, not planning on staying behind, has many exciting and out of the

box collaborative efforts done, for the sake of our war for good oral health nationwide.

The first half of 2017 sees the update in our oral health promotion delivery effort, with the newly minted Dental Buskers of Malaysia and our new program, the Oral Health collaboration with religious body (KOA). An indeed ambitious collaborative effort as we partnered up with the musician's guild, Persatuan Karyawan Malaysia and respective religious bodies, for example JAKIM, JAWI and Buddhist Association of Malaysia; the first of its kind in Malaysia.

Kembara Sihat 1Malaysia is another annual activity done with the Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Malaysia that has received an update and been improved upon. This year's Kembara sees a bigger appeal and more successful event throughout.

Complemented with the now established social media platform, I am positive; the Oral Health Division will make a significant and memorable impact to the public.

2017 also bears witness to the restructuring of the Dental Fee, through the Taklimat Printah Fi (Perubatan) 2017. In addition, the annually held Persidangan Halatuju Kesihatan Pergigian Negeri was very fruitful early

this year in setting our aim true for the future.

Change cannot occur if we don't update our knowledge, hence why we are also pleased to share the

implementation of Effective Dental Health Education workshop by the Oral Health Primary Care Unit and also the biannually held Malaysian Dental Therapist Scientific Conference.

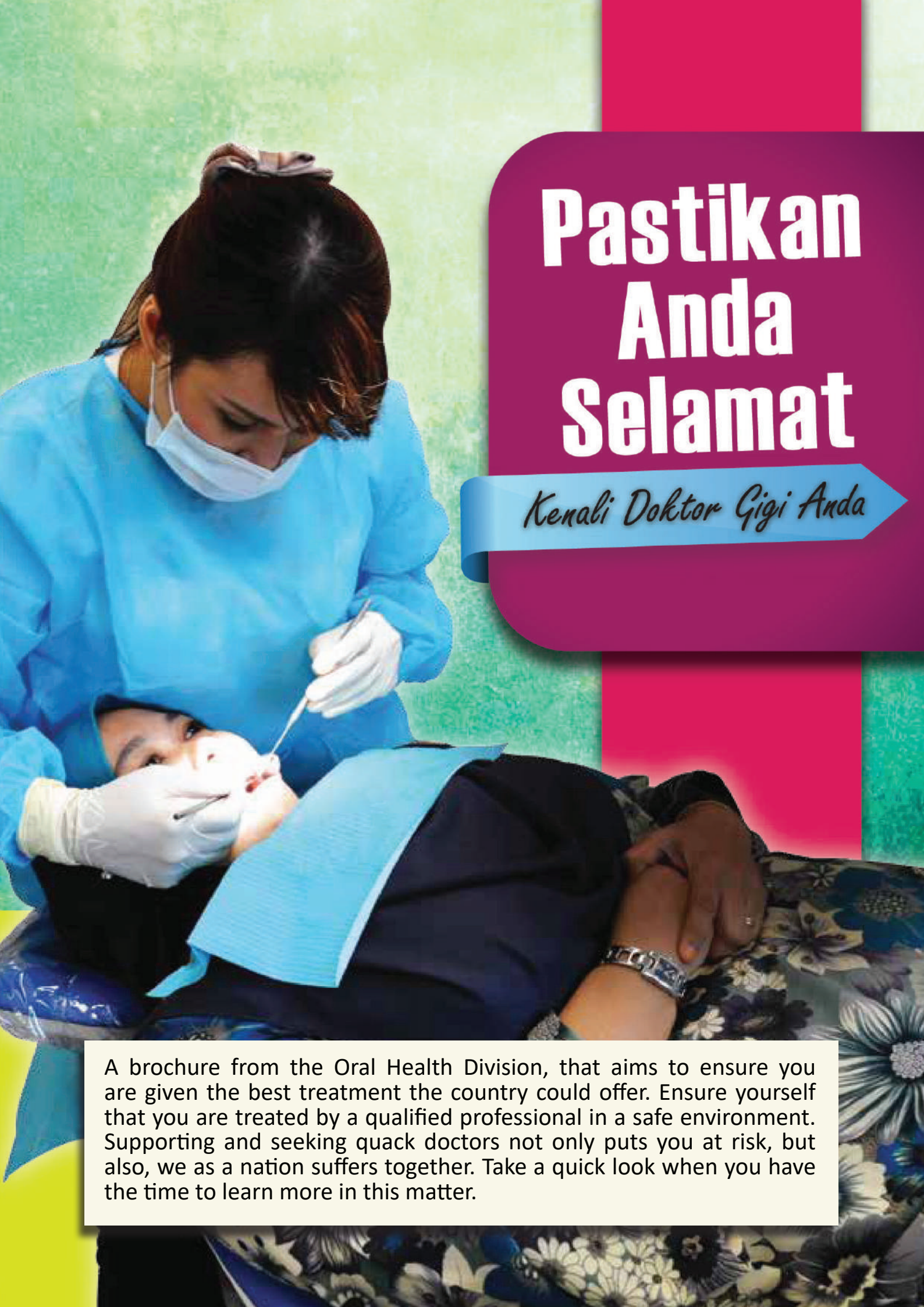
Overall, the first half of 2017 was very eventful, no doubt carrying the momentum we made in 2016. In this year of change, expect to see more collaborative effort, we being more visible in the public, more effective activities and a truly more efficient delivery. 2017 promises to be our best year yet.

Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah Ismail
Principle Director of Oral Health

The only constant in life is change, we have to learn to embrace it' lest we perish in the turbulent wave of development.

Heraclitus





Pastikan Anda Selamat

Kenali Doktor Gigi Anda

A brochure from the Oral Health Division, that aims to ensure you are given the best treatment the country could offer. Ensure yourself that you are treated by a qualified professional in a safe environment. Supporting and seeking quack doctors not only puts you at risk, but also, we as a nation suffers together. Take a quick look when you have the time to learn more in this matter.

- 1) YB Dato Seri Dr Hilmi flagging off the last day of the convoy heading.
- 2) YB Dato Seri Dr Hilmi signing the Pulau Pinang Kembara map as the officiator.
- 3) Guest of honor dring closing ceremony of Kembara Sihat 1 Malaysia.



By: Faris MN

Kembara Sihat 1Malaysia is an annual activity between the Oral Health Division and Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Malaysia (JKMM) with its aim to give back to those in need be it through various voluntary activities.

With 'Jelajah Senyum' as the 2017 theme, Oral Health Unit throughout the country pulled together in making an epic adventure across the nation to literally put a smile on many communities. Carnivals, health campaigns, oral health checkups and voluntary activities are some of the activities in over 110 pit stops across the country.

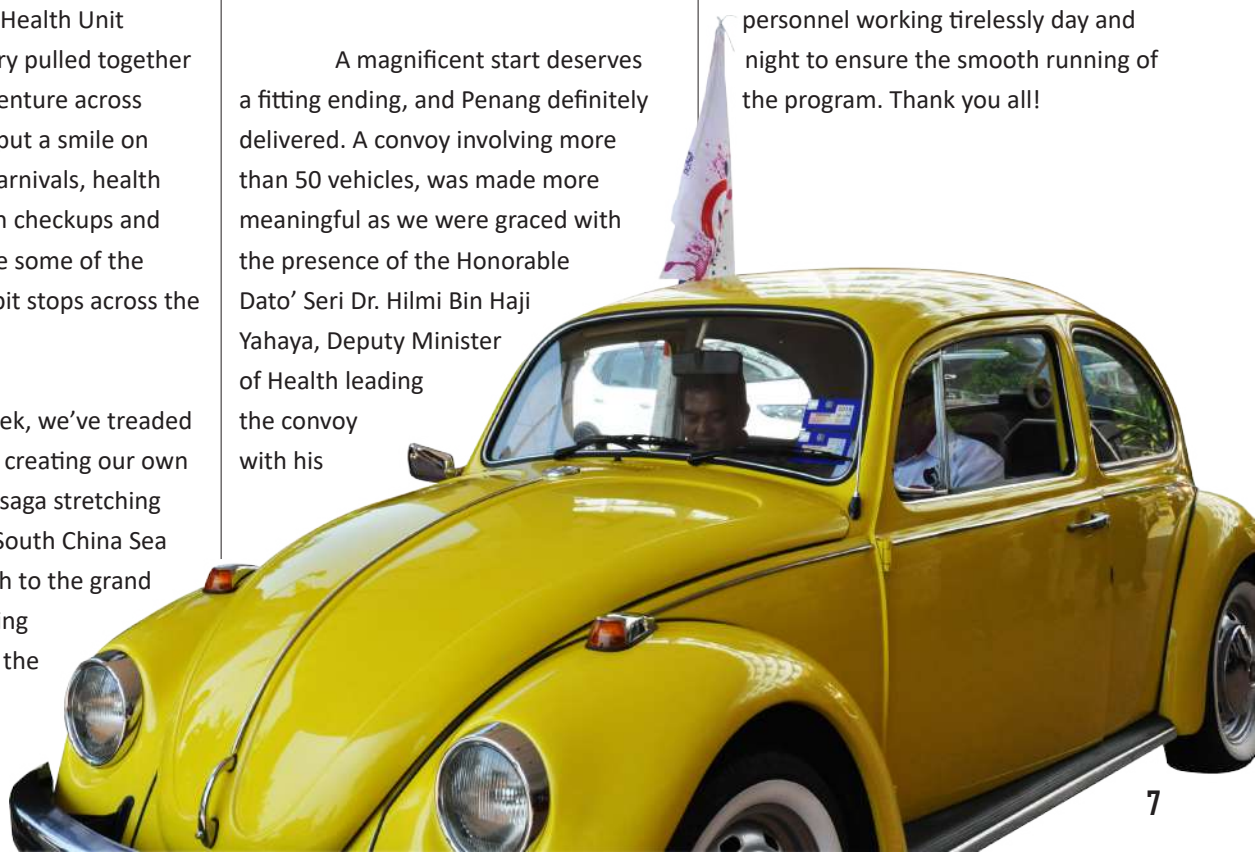
In a mere week, we've treaded by land, sea and air in creating our own 'Journey to the West' saga stretching 8500km crossing the South China Sea from our start in Sabah to the grand finale in Penang, helping those we found along the journey.

A magnificent and blessed start was held in Sabah coinciding with the World Oral Health Day celebration on 19th March 2017. The flag off in Sabah marks the start of our adventure. The hospitality of the Sabahans and the lively carnivals are still memorable to this day.

A magnificent start deserves a fitting ending, and Penang definitely delivered. A convoy involving more than 50 vehicles, was made more meaningful as we were graced with the presence of the Honorable Dato' Seri Dr. Hilmi Bin Haji Yahaya, Deputy Minister of Health leading the convoy with his

unmistakable yellow Volkswagen Beetle across his hometown.

A grand finale indeed! Oral Health Division would also like to wish a hearty congratulations to Perak for undertaking the most number of pit stops. Not forgetting all 14 states personnel working tirelessly day and night to ensure the smooth running of the program. Thank you all!



WRITERS NEEDED!!

The Oral Health Blog has been quiet as of late and we at the Oral Health Division attempts a revival in the second half of 2017



You, yes you!

You might be the writer we are looking for. Send in your creative writing to us with topics relating to oral health and recent events!

WE WANT YOU!!

in our effort to create oral health awareness to the public!

For further information, please call **+603-88834205** or email **mfaris@moh.gov.my**

Collaboration Campaign “LOVE at FIRST BRUSH” 2017



1) The driving force behind the love at First Brush campaign; dental therapists from all over Malaysia.

2) Mr Naoyuki Egawa (left), YBhg Datin Zarina Abdullah (middle). YBhg Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah (right) during launching event.



By: Pn Fatimah Rahman

The Malaysian Dental Therapists' Association supported by Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia has embarked collaboration with Japan's No.1 toothbrush brand Systema Lion Corporation Japan on “Love at First Brush” campaign. Through this campaign, it is hope to see an improvement in the overall state of gum health in Malaysia. The education and awareness that we will spread, beginning at a patient's young age, will continue in the right direction through this initiative.

The campaign was officiated by Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah Ismail, Principal Director of Oral Health at One Utama Damansara on 27th April 2017. During the ceremony, Mr. Naoyuki Egawa, R&D and Factory Director of Southern Lion presenting 10,000 toothbrush to Datin Zarina Abdullah, President of Dental Therapists' Association, then presented to YBhg Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah as their commitment towards 'Love at first brush' campaign which will be distributed nation wide. The Dental Therapists' play an important role to

educate patients on gum disease and proper way of tooth brushing. 'Love at First Brush' campaign is to build a strong foundation to raise awareness among the Malaysians of all ages and races through schools and community about gum care and sharing of educational materials and informations.

Also present at the event were the deans from IPTA and IPTS,

representatives from Malaysian Dental Association (MDA), Malaysian Private Dental Practitioners Association (MPDPA), Malaysian Society of Periodontology (MSP), Malaysian Association of Dental Public Health Specialists (MADPHS), International Association of Dental Research Tokyo Medical & Dental University (TMDU) Alumni and others.



Top management from Southern Lion Malaysia, Oral Health Division and The Dental Therapist Association.

Dental Buskers Malaysia

By: Faris MN



Persatuan Karyawan Malaysia with the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) being our mediator.

American Jazz, British Rock & Roll, Korean K-Pop. Any and all cultures has some sort of music tied to their existence. With that in mind, the Oral Health Division makes a bold attempt in combining our craft together with the long-standing medium of entertainment and message delivery.

The Oral Health Division is fortunately blessed to have personnel with angelic voices (or the devils') complimented with musical techniques rivalling that of Led Zeppelin. Dabbling in music has proven fruitful and very rewarding this past couple of years.

Our Dental Buskers had our big breakthrough when we managed to collaborate with the

For those whom are not aware, Persatuan Karyawan Malaysia or Karyawan for short acts as the nations' musician guild in making sure the continuity of the Malaysia music culture and at the same time looking out for the welfare of our nation artiste. DBKL on the other hand, is the leading authority in liscensing aspiring street musicians. Without DBKL's approval, it is impossible for the musician to conduct street performance. The selection criteria is very strict, at the same time demanding as these musicians performing in key tourist spot such as Bukit

Bintang and Sogo will partly represent Malaysian in the eyes of our foreign counterparts.

Oral Health Division is proud to share; our buskers have the quality similar to professional musicians as recognized by the DBKL.

The talent our musicians possess was further polished by musical legends of Malaysia from the likes of YBhg Dato' Freddie Fernandez, Neves Pretty Ugly, Yazit Search and many more from Karyawan.

Our street musician or Dental Buskers will act as our flagship, in not only creating awareness in the importance of oral health care but also keeping our music culture alive. Few ways are better than imparting knowledge and information through the wonderful way of the music such as the bards of old.

Do support our multit talented musicians in our musical journey to improve our nation's oral health status!





KL XTRAVAGANZA

A music festival held from the between Karyawan Malaysia and Kuala Lumpur City Hall. Dental Buskers Malaysia has been a contest show throughout these events.

An event held annually by Media Prima Berhad where the Oral Health Division are actively involved. Dental Buskers Malaysia are a staple in any Jom Heboh.



JOM HEBOH

A year event held by the Oral Health Division, 2017 marks our second battle in the search for the best dental buskers in Malaysia. 2018 promises to be bigger and more competitive.



BATTLE OF THE BAND

A monthly event held by Kuala Lumpur City Hall, where health is the main agenda. Dental buskers has been called in to provide entertainment and promote oral health.



KL CAR FREE DAY

ORAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TH



28 - 29/4/2017
Jom Heboh in Amanjaya Mall, Kedah



23/1/2017
En Emir's farewell



24/2/2017
Pn Halimah's farewell



19/3/2017
World Oral Health Day Launching



2/4/2017
Dental Buskers at KL Car Free Morning



2/6/2017
Dr Zurina's farewell



21-23/3/2017 in KLCC
Smart Kids Asia Mascot Marc

THROUGHOUT JAN -JUNE 2017



26/3/2017

Closing ceremony of Kembara Sihat 1Malaysia Peringkat Kebangsaan



6/5/2017

YBhg Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah officiating the 3rd Malaysian Dental Therapist Scientific Conference



27/4/2017

Launching of 'Love at First Brush'



19/1/2017

Courtesy visit from Major General (Dr) Borhan Bin Jasmin, Director of the Malaysia Army Oral Health Unit



27/4/2017

Dr Farohana's farewell

PROGRAM KOLABORASI KESIHATAN PERGIGIAN & BADAN-BADAN AGAMA

By: Faris MN



Disempurnakan oleh:
YB Dato' Seri Dr Hilmi bin Hj. Yahaya
Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Malaysia

17 Mac 2017
Bilik Seminar Masjid Negara

Religion and health. It is impossible to talk about religion without mentioning health. A survey done in 2015 shows that 99% of Malaysian as having a religious belief, most common one of the four major religions; Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism.

It is common knowledge that people of all ages and backgrounds gather in religious centers or religious events at least once a week, hence it is prudent for us to use this platform to instill awareness on the importance of proper oral health care.

Oral Health Collaboration with Religious Body (KOA) aims to promote oral health through a medium very close

to our hearts; religion. KOA also serves to promote health effectively through an established religious network. Many activities will be held through this collaboration, from sermons, to health checkups, cultural performances and other related activities.

We start the first half of 2017 with the collaboration between two major religions: Islam and Buddhism. The collaboration with 2 other major religions (Cristianity and Hinduism) will covered in the second issue of the 2017 bulletin.

KOA Islam was held on 17th March 2017 in Masjid Negara Kuala Lumpur with the combined effort of JAKIM and JAWI together with the Kuala Lumpur Oral Health Department leading the helm. As the official religion of our proud nation, it is only understandable to hold it during the eve of the World Oral Health Day, a significant day for all oral health practitioner, also held at the landmark for the Islamic religion in Malaysia.



YB Dato' Seri Dr Hilmi visiting the Oral Health booth before Friday prayers.



YB Dato' Seri Dr Hilmi and guet of honor during officiating of KOA Islam.



Dr Ahmad Syarifuddin, giving his sermon entitloed 'Proper oral health care' in Masjid Negara.



The guest of honor and the committee members from JKN WPKL&P.

KOA Buddha on the other hand was held on 20th May 2017 at the San Kau Tong temple, a familiar place for Buddhist across Malaysia, and a certified landmark in Negeri Sembilan. The event led by the Negeri Sembilan Oral Health Department sees more than a thousand people flock the temple during launching day, marking the success of said event.

Both event were officiated by the Honorable Dato' Seri Dr Hilmi Bin Haji Yahya. This launching simply marks the start of KOA; as of time of writing, Kedah, Penang, Perak and Perlis has already initiated their own collaboration with the state's religious bodies. It is expected, by the end of 2018, all 15 states in Malaysia would have started their collaboration effort with all four

major religions. This program will then continue to run for the foreseeable future.

Religion had always stressed on the importance of health (seen through teachings such as Ayurveda, which roughly translates to 'the knowledge of longevity' and teachings by great minds such as Avicenna). Oral Health Division are merely complementing this importance in hopes of a better oral health status for the nation.

The theme of KOA, 'Oral Health for everyone' is our greatest hope though this ambitious program. Do support KOA when it comes to your nearest mosque/church/temple/other religious facilities!

Anjuran:

Pelancaran
Program Kolaborasi Kesihatan Pergigian
Dan
Badan Agama Buddha
Peringkat Kebangsaan 2017

Disemai oleh: **YB Dato' Seri Dr. Hilmi Bin Haji Yahya**
Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Malaysia

Kesihatan Oral Untuk Semua

TARIKH 21 Mei 2017 (Ahad)

MASA 8.30 Pagi - 4.00 Petang

TEMPAT Tokong Penganut Dewa San Kau Tong

ACARA

- Pameran Kesihatan/ Pergigian / Farmasi
- Pameran Polis/JPN/ Kualiti Makanan
- Perkhidmatan -JPJ
- SPR (Daftar Pengundi)
- Saringan Kesihatan/ Pergigian
- Ceramah/ Sudut bersama Pakar
- Persembahan Dental Buskers
- Tai Chii

Dengan Keljasama:



Officiating of KOA Buddha at the majestic San Kau Tong Temple

3rd Malaysian Dental Therapists' Scientific Conference 2017

By: Pn Fatimah Rahman



Participants of the 3rd Malaysian Dental Therapists' Scientific Conference 2017



Officiating of the 3rd Malaysian Dental Therapists' Scientific Conference 2017 by YBhg Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah (right) and YBhg Datin Zarina (left)

Malaysian Dental Therapists' Association supported by Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia has managed once again organized the 3rd Malaysian Dental Therapists Scientific Conference 2017 at Berjaya Times Square from 5 – 7 May 2017. With the theme 'Dental Team of The Future – Synergy to Success', the biennial Conference was held successfully with the presence of 530 delegates including Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei and Australia. In line with the increasing standing of this conference, the total number of delegates from overseas increased this year to more than 35 delegates.

The conference offered a comprehensive programme of scientific

lectures by local and international speakers and sharing experience by Dental Therapists.

The conference was officiated by Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah Ismail, Principal Director of Oral Health. To cap the event a successful dental trade exhibition was held concurrently, showcasing the latest trends and technologies in oral healthcare, allowing delegates to update themselves of the latest products and materials in the market. It is hoped that the knowledge and best practices gleaned from this conference will be shared with others and most importantly translated into practice for better care.



Some of the performances by the dental therapist during the conference



Ahli Kursus Effective Dental Health Education

Kursus Effective Dental Health Education

By: Dr Zainab Shamdol

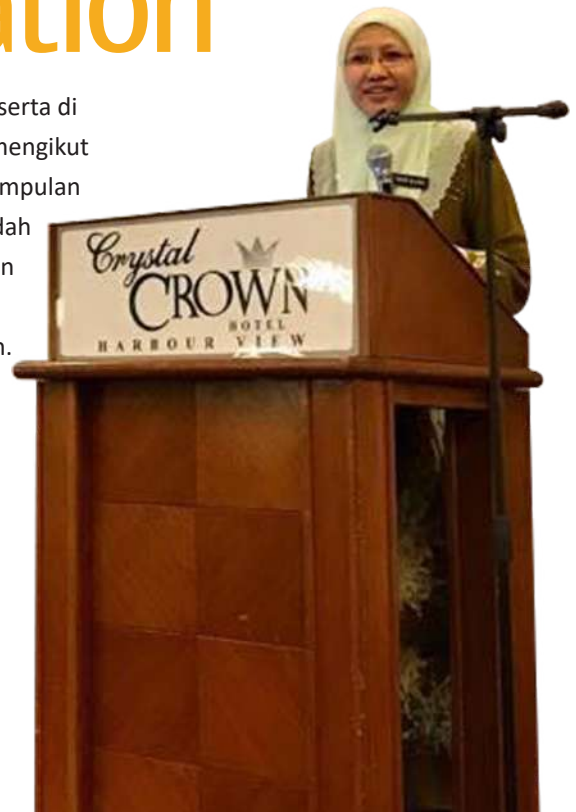
Kursus Effective Dental Health Education telah di adakan pada 10-12 April 2017 bertempat di Hotel Crystal Crown, Klang Selangor. Seramai 16 orang Pegawai Pergigian dan 26 orang Juruterapi Pergigian telah menghadiri kursus tersebut.

Pendidikan kesihatan merupakan salah satu cara untuk membantu individu meningkatkan pengetahuan berkaitan kesihatan serta untuk memupuk sikap positif terhadap kesihatan dengan mengamalkan gaya hidup sihat. Seiring dengan perkembangan semasa, kaedah penyampaian perlu lebih kreatif untuk menarik minat bersesuaian dengan golongan sasaran.

Justeru, objektif umum kursus ialah untuk memantapkan kemahiran Pegawai dan Juruterapi Pergigian dalam menyampaikan mesej kesihatan pergigian kepada golongan sasaran. Peserta kursus telah berpeluang untuk berkongsi pengalaman masing-masing selain dari mendengar beberapa pembentangan oleh pegawai pendidikan kesihatan dari Bahagian Pendidikan Kesihatan KKM, berkaitan konsep dan kaedah penyampaian terkini termasuk

Health Behavioural Theories. Peserta di bahagikan kepada 6 kumpulan mengikut kumpulan sasaran dan setiap kumpulan di minta untuk menyediakan kaedah penyampaian kesihatan pergigian yang di fikirkan sesuai kepada golongan sasaran yang berkaitan.

Secara keseluruhannya peserta telah berjaya membentangkan idea masing-masing dengan jayanya dengan mengemukakan kaedah penyampaian yang baru melalui inovasi dan dengan menggunakan teknologi terkini.



YBhg Datuk Dr Noor Aliyah menyampaikan ucapan perasmian



Perasmian penutupan kursus

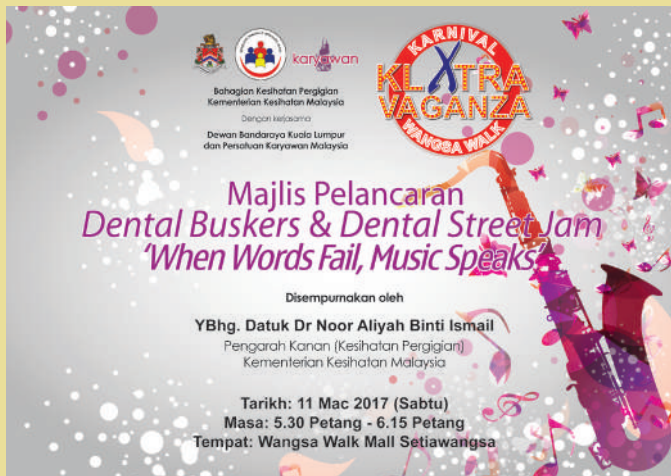


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Buku Media Sosial Rasmi Untuk Promosi Kesihatan Pergigian Tip-tip yang perlu diketahui

PRODUKSI BAHAN PROMOSI JAN - JUN 2017



Majlis Pelancaran Dental Buskers & Dental Street Jam 'When Words Fail, Music Speaks'



Buku Garis Panduan Program Kesihatan Pergigian Warga Kolej Imuniti



Buku Panduan Teknik Ber cerita: Untuk Pendidikan Kesihatan Pergigian



By: Dr Azizi Malek

PERSIDANGAN PERANCANGAN HALA TUJU KESIHATAN PERGIGIAN NEGARA

1. Introduction

The healthcare system in Malaysia has been recognized as one of the successful health systems. Starting from the beginning of independence, the government has developed a healthcare system based on promotion, prevention and curative. The Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) is responsible for providing health services including oral health to all levels of society.

Although the country's healthcare system is often internationally recognized, it is still facing many issues and challenges. Among them include increased illness (infectious and non-communicable diseases), increased public expectations and resource constraints.

In line with the vision, mission and initiative taken by the Government to provide a safe and effective Health Service Delivery, including Oral Health services, paradigm shifts should be taken by the civil service to be more flexible in delivering services to the people. Therefore, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of public services that are based on customers and citizens to be fast, accurate, quality, proactive and responsive should be emphasized. The access and acceptance of the people to the health service should also be enhanced. Oral Health Division, MOH is in the process of enhancing the value of oral health services to be more sustainable and responsive to the challenging environment and the needs of the people. Programme and service

activities of oral health should be reviewed to focus and prioritise on activities that can ensure the sustainability of the delivery system at a reasonable cost. This requires a concerted effort of all stakeholders to produce significant output. The Persidangan Perancangan Hala Tuju Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Negara is one of the efforts to develop a comprehensive and responsive Pelan Transformasi Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian for Malaysians.

2. Objectives of the Conference

2.1 General Objective

To formulate policy and planning of the country's oral health services.

2.2 Specific Objectives

- i. To identify the needs of the country in terms of oral health services.
- ii. To generate ideas for exploring and developing creative choices towards the transformation of oral health services.

3. Conduct of the Conference

The conference was organised by Oral Health Division, MOH and was officiated by the Principal Director of Oral Health, MOH. The conference was attended by 65 participants comprising Clinical Specialists and Dental Public Health Specialists of the MOH.

Participants are divided into eight (8) groups with each group having a total of

eight (8) members. The topics of discussion are as follows:

- a) Identifying possible challenges in oral healthcare
- b) Identifying possible changes in oral healthcare modalities
- c) Identifying innovative approaches in oral healthcare delivery
- d) Identifying management of talent in oral healthcare

Each topic was discussed by two groups during a roundtable "think tank" discussion session. Presentation of discussion results is divided into 4 sessions (35 minutes per session). At each session, two groups are required to present a rapid fire presentation for 10 minutes each group. Each presentation session will conclude with an open discussion (floor discussion) for 15 minutes.

Rumusan Horizon Scanning was presented by the Principal Director of Oral Health, MOH.

The Oral Health Division MOH expresses its appreciation to the presence, collaboration and contributions that have been given from everyone involved directly and indirectly in this conference.

DENTAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PRIVATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND SERVICES ACT 1998 (until 30-06-17)

By: Dr Elise Monerasinghe

Enforcement in private dental clinics officially began in 2006, with the implementation of the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998.

At that time there were over 1,000 existing clinics to be registered, and all the enforcement activities were directed at carrying out the pre-registration and post-

registration inspections of private clinics and hospitals. All the existing clinics were registered by 2009, and it was only after all the inspections were completed was there time and manpower for enforcement against illegal practice.

Enforcement activities, while co-ordinated by the Oral Health Division, is carried out by the

state enforcement units and all the enforcement activities have been combined operations by at least 3 states.

Below are the enforcement activities carried out by the state enforcement units together with officers from the Oral Health Division.

Year	Type of Cases	State	Punishment
2008	Unregistered clinic	Perak	Fined RM9,000
2011	Illegal practitioner	Johor	Fined RM20,000
2012	Illegal practitioner	Pulau Pinang	Fined RM120,000
2013	Illegal practitioners (4)	WP KL & Putrajaya	Practitioners absconded
	Practising while suspended	Johor	Fined RM10,000
2014	Illegal practitioner (1)	Johor	Fined RM20,000
	Fake braces (2)	Terengganu	Fined RM20,000
		Melaka	Absconded
2015	Illegal practitioner (7)	Johor	Fined RM20,000
		Perak	Fined RM25,000
		Perak	Fined RM30,000
		WP KL & Putrajaya	Fined RM35,000
		WP KL & Putrajaya	Absconded (3)
	Fake braces (2)	WP KL & Putrajaya	Fined RM25,000
		WP KL & Putrajaya	Fined RM30,000
2016	Employing an unregistered practitioner	Selangor	Fined RM30,000
	Fake braces (8)	Sarawak	Fined RM15,000
		Terengganu	Fined RM25,000
		Kedah	Fined RM25,000
		Melaka	Fined RM30,000 + 1 mth jail
		Pahang	Fined RM40,000
		Pahang	Fined RM250,000 / 5 mths
		Terengganu	Absconded
		Johor	Pending in court
2017	Illegal practitioner (1)	WP KL & Putrajaya	Pending
	Fake braces (8)	Terengganu	Fined RM40,000
		Johor	Fined RM300,000 / 3 mths
		Pahang	Absconded
		Melaka	Pending in court (5)
		Perak	
		Selangor (2)	
		Kedah	

Data from the Oral Health Legislaton and eEnforcement Department (2008 - June 2017)



ENFORCEMENT: THEN, NOW, & THE FUTURE?

By: Dr Hanif Mohd Suffian

Gone are the days when we had to go to the stores for our daily reads, or wait for the delivery man to deliver newspapers to the doors. Things which happened minutes ago can be known to worldwide in an instant. Living in an era where information can be easily accessed and obtained at an instant has its ups and downs. For better or worse, we adapt, learn, and improve.

Gone are the days when enforcement used to be unknown and queried. When it comes to enforcement, dental enforcement to be exact, we are responsible for establishment and ensuring safe practices in every private dental facility, be it in general dental practices, specialists, dental clinics, or dental hospitals.

It began with guiding the setup of new dental facilities, maintaining safe practices in existing clinics, and ensuring that dental facilities abide to the law, which are the norm for us. But now, new challenges have arise.

As people become more 'creative' and opportunities arise, some people have taken advantage of the situation. The problem used to be street dentists,

who learned the art of gluing the dentures to the gums or the existing dentition without thinking of the consequences or potential damages to the oral health. It used to be 'flying' dentists that move around and do dental fillings and extractions, wherever the public desire. And good luck with trying to find them when you experience pain. Those were the days...

As time changes, and people become even more creative, new breed of people that offer services to align people's teeth popped up. Their offers range from placing braces at homes, to selling so-called dental products that they claim straighten teeth, all at minimal cost and in a shorter time. Without proper training and with scanty knowledge, their claims are just a myth.

Many of these 'practitioners' learnt their methods of placing braces via the YouTube, and they continue to offer services and are oblivious to the laws. They seem not to bother about the numerous news items about fake braces or the so called real braces. In fact, some of them go so far as to say that they are trying to help the public, by giving people cheap braces. Ignorant of the consequences of their services, they continue with these illegal activities.

The public plays a very important role in the maintainance of safe dental practices. You may ask why? The answer is very simple. Demands. As long as there is a demands from the public for these illegal and unsafe practises, these opportunists will continue and flourish. It is not that the public is not aware – news articles, and talks about these illegal practitioners have been widespread in the social media.

Maintaining safe practice for the public, especially in the private sectors, is the trust that has been given to us. As technology and times change, we have to adapt, learn, and be current. No one knows what the future holds. But one thing that. I know for sure, as the years pass we will continue to equip ourselves with knowledge and improve our methods, to ensure safe dental practice.

Pertukaran Masuk, Keluar, Pergerakan Tugas Pegawai, Persaraan dan Kenaikan Pangkat

By: Dr Rohayati Mohd Noor
Updated : 30 June 2017

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3	 Dr. Elise Monerasinghe	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
4	 Dr. Sharol Lail b. Sujak	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
5	 Dr. Cheng Lai Choo	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
6	 Dr. Norlida bt Abdullah	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
7	 Dr. Savithri a/p Vengadasalam	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
8	 Dr. Zainab bt. Shamdol	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
9	 Dr. Mazlina bt Mat Desa	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
10	 Dr. Leslie Sushil Kumar a/l D.Geoffrey	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
11	 Dr. Natifah bt Che Salleh	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
12	 Dr. Tan Ee Hong	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
13	 Dr. Azilina bt. Abu Bakar	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
14	 Dr. Maryana bt Musa	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
15	 Dr. Salleh b Zakaria	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
16	 Dr. Faizah bt. Kamaruddin	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56
17	 Dr. Norashikin bt Mustapa Yahya	Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam	UG56



PERTUKARAN MASUK

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1	 Dr. Nurul Salwa binti Che Abdul Rahim	Pegawai Pergigian Gred UG44	3/1/2017
2	 Suraya binti Baharun	Pembantu Tadbir (P/O) Gred N19	5/2/2017
3	 Salmah Liza binti Mohd Salleh	Pembantu Tadbir (P/O) Gred N19	5/2/2017
4	 Zairin Riza binti Rahmad	Pembantu Tadbir (P/O) Gred N19	5/2/2017



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1	 En. Emir Ashraff bin Abdullah	Penolong Pegawai Tadbir Gred N29	1/16/2017
2	 Dr. Nur Farohana binti Zainol	Pegawai Pergigian Gred UG52	3/16/2017
3	 Dr. 'Ainun Mardhiah binti Meor Amir Hamzah	Pegawai Pergigian Gred UG52	3/1/2017



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1	 Pn. Halimah binti Abu Kasim	Setiausaha Pejabat Gred N32	2/27/2017
2	 Dr. Normalia binti Ramli	Timbalan Pengarah Kesihatan Negeri (Pergigian) Perlis Gred Utama C (KUP Pejabat TPKN(G) Perlis	4/5/2017
3	 Dr. Zurina binti Abu Bakar	Timbalan Pengarah Cawangan Kualiti Kesihatan Pergigian, KKM Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam, Gred UG54	2/27/2017



PERGERAKAN TUGAS PEGAWAI PERGIGIAN DI BAHAGIAN KESIHATAN PERGIGIAN

BIL	NAMA	DARI	PENYELERASAN TUGAS	TARIKH
1	 Dr. Nor Fatimah Syahraz Binti Abdul Razakek	Cawangan Perkembangan Profesion Kesihatan Pergigian	Cawangan Promosi Kesihatan Pergigian	6/3/2017



The Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Najib Razak during the launching of the Ekspresi Negaraku Program

By: Dr Fatimah Syahraz

Many events, including Government Services, Interactive activities and exhibitions, Stage performances by local artist and most importantly the Dialogue Session with the Local Leaders including the Prime Minister himself are held for the public.

The Programme, which was held in Kedah, Perak, Sabah, Kelantan and Melaka, has been a success in instilling the love for the country, which is the one of the pillar of excellence for our country.

Oral Health Division has been a proud member from the beginning of the program through providing free oral health checks and counselling sessions via our Mobile Dental Clinic. Without fail, our Mobile Dental Clinic became

one of the major attraction for the public during the event, with more than 20% of the attendees visiting for a free check-up.

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The Ekspresi Negaraku Program is an excellent initiative in promoting love for our nation, and what better way to show our love than having excellent health to build a nation where

its citizens are strong and productive.

Oral Health Division pledge our full support for this cause by increasing awareness and providing care for a nation with better oral health status.



Ministry of Health top management during the Ekspresi Negaraku in Kuala Lumpur.