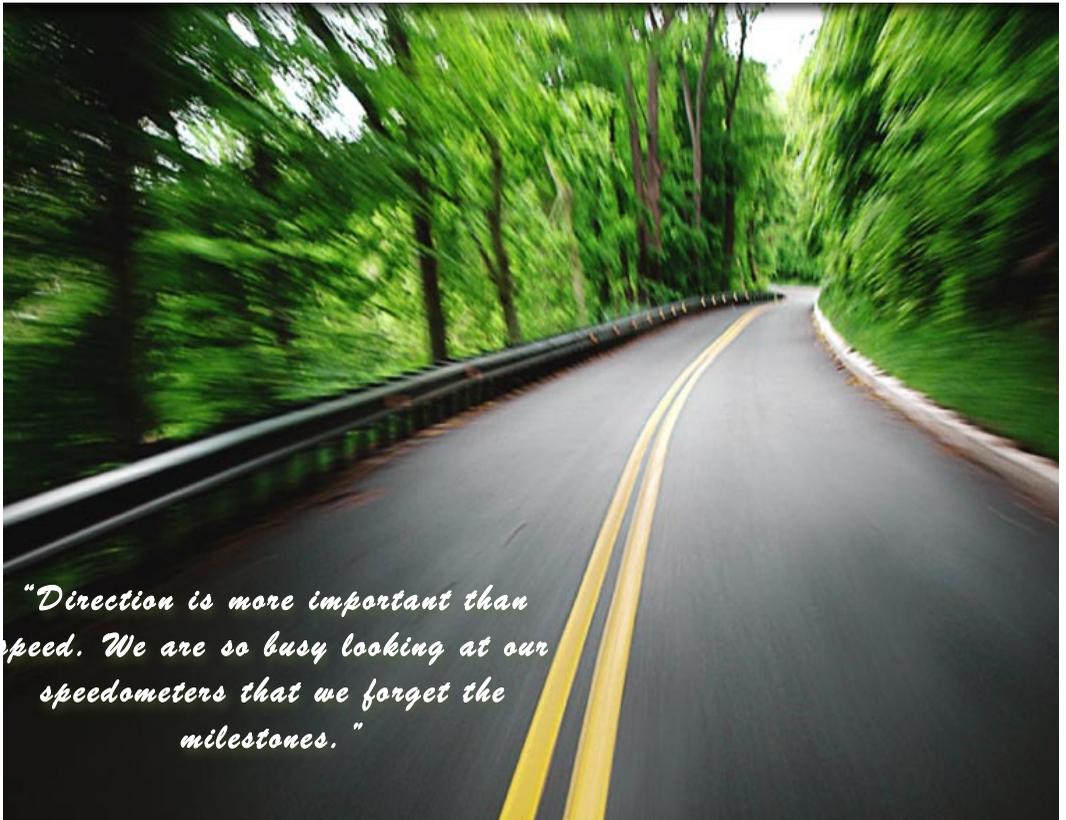




# MILESTONES IN DENTISTRY



*"Direction is more important than speed. We are so busy looking at our speedometers that we forget the milestones."*

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**“Every tooth in a man's head is more valuable than  
a diamond”**

**~Miguel de Cervantes, Don Quixote, 1605**

# Foreword

**Principal Director of Oral Health  
Ministry of Health Malaysia**



It is my pleasure to pen a few words in this fourth publication of the 'Milestones in Dentistry'. The first booklet was published in 2005, the second in 2013, the third in 2019 and extra efforts by the editorial committee has enabled publication of the latest edition this year.

'Milestones in Dentistry' constitutes institutional memory. It serves as a single important reference document on the evolution of the Oral Health Services in the Ministry of Health Malaysia from the start of organized dental services in this country to the comprehensive oral healthcare system it is today. In it, lies the story of perseverance and dedication by all who came this way before us - all for the sake of making accessible quality oral healthcare possible for the people we serve.

This living document shall continue to be periodically updated. It represents our appreciation to our predecessors for their efforts and continues to chronicle ours and those who would come after us.

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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 Ministry of Health (MOH) at <i>Jalan Silang</i> (now known as <i>Jalan Tun Tan Siew Sin</i> Kuala Lumpur).
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.

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1965	The <i>Majlis Jemaah Menteri</i> 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.

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	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	<p>The Division II Dentist Register was closed in 1972 following the enactment of the Dental Act 1971.</p> <p>The Cabinet Committee approved fluoridation of public water supplies in West Malaysia.</p> <p>The University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur (UM) established its Dental Faculty and started its Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme.</p>
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	<p>The Dental Services Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia published 'A Report on the Fluoridation Projects in the State of Johore, Malaysia 1964 – 1976'.</p> <p>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.</p>
1979	Establishment of the National Dental Health Education Unit, Ministry of Health (later renamed the Oral Health Promotion Unit in 1994).

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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	<p>Introduction of the Oral Health Programme for Preschool Children and the Pre-school Mobile Dental Teams.</p> <p>Periodontology was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.</p>
1985	Initiation of the Incremental Dental Care Programme for schoolchildren.
1985	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	<p>Enunciation of the objective of the Dental Programme, MOH:</p> <p><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></p>
	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.

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1989	Start of the Oral Health Programme for Trainee Teachers.
1990	Conduct of the first Dental Epidemiological Survey of Adults in Malaysia 1990.
1992	<p>Establishment of the first Paediatric Dental Unit at the Paediatric Institute, Kuala Lumpur Hospital.</p> <p>The Director-General of Health launched the Dental Quality Assurance Programme (QAP) on 4 November 1992.</p> <p>(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).</p>
1993	National launch of the Oral Health Programme for the Elderly.
	Introduction of the Dental Surgery Assistant (DSA) distance learning component at the Dental Training College with the attachment of DSA at designated clinics in respective States as part of the training.
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.

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	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.
	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	<p>Formal initiation and conduct of post-basic courses for dental nurses, with a 6-month course in Paediatric Dentistry.</p> <p>(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).</p>

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	<p>The Dental Services Division, Ministry of Health, produced its first Compendium of Abstract, showcasing research projects by its oral health personnel.</p> <p>The Dental Services Division recommended mandatory labelling of fluoridated toothpaste. The revised labelling was approved at the 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Drug Control Authority, Ministry of Health on 26 February 1998.</p> <p>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>'.</p> <p>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.</p>
1999	<p>The Dental Services Division was renamed <b>Oral Health Division</b> with approval of the <i>Mesyuarat Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Khas</i> on 5 May 1999 (Special Committee Meeting of the Director-General of Health).</p> <p>Start of the School-Based Fissure Sealant Programme following recommendations from NOHSS '97.</p> <p>Conduct of the post-basic training in Orthodontics for dental nurses.</p> <p>Dental nurses were trained in Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART) Technique.</p> <p>Service scheme of dental technicians was upgraded with a name-change to 'Dental Technologists' on 1 January 1999.</p> <p>Conduct of the Fluoride Enamel Opacities in 16-year-old Schoolchildren 1999 utilising Dean's Index of Fluorosis.</p> <p>The dental degree programme of <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia</i> (USM) began with an intake of 40 students.</p>
2000	<p>Approval given to the first two Oral Surgeons from the Ministry of Health to begin their medical degree programme (MBBS) in University of Malaya.</p>

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	<p>Conduct of the National Oral Health Survey of Adults Year 2000 (NOHSA 2000).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Conduct of the post-basic training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for dental technologists.</p> <p>Dental nurses were trained to use high-speed cutting units to increase productivity and to enhance patients' comfort.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The electronic dental record system in the Ministry of Health was expanded to include specialist oral healthcare by the end of 2000.</p>
2001	<p>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.</p> <p>Conduct of the post-basic training in Orthodontics for dental technologists.</p> <p>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.</p>

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Melaka Tengah was the first district to achieve ISO certification in 2001, followed by the district of Kuala Terengganu.</p>
2002	<p>Conduct of post-basic training in Periodontology for dental nurses.</p> <p>Formulation of 'Guidelines for Accreditation of Dental Degree Programme for Institutions of Higher Learning'.</p> <p>Dental nurses were trained to use ultrasonic scalers.</p> <p>Approval of 'critical allowance' for dental officers at 5% of basic emolument in November 2002.</p> <p>A Cabinet Memorandum decision on 9 January 2002 approved the recruitment of foreign dental officers on contract in the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>The Oral Health Division, MOH was awarded the MS ISO 9001:1994 certification by the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The document clarified the stand of the MDC on the continued use of amalgam in the country.</p> <p>Conduct of the study 'Cost Analysis of Private Primary Care Services in Malaysia' in collaboration with the Medical Practice Division, MOH, <i>Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i> and the Primary Care Doctors of Malaysia (PCDOM).</p> <p>(The findings were used to discuss the Dental Fee Schedule under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998 in 2004).</p>

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2002	The Oral Health Division, MOH mooted the study 'Mercury exposure in dental health personnel' with officers from of 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.
2003	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.

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	<p>Restorative Dentistry was established as a dental specialty discipline in the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>Accreditation exercises were undertaken for two local institutions' dental undergraduate programmes, two institutions in Indonesia and 12 institutions in India.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Postgraduate programme in Orthodontics began in <i>Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i> in 2004.</p> <p>First group of 29 students graduated with the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) <i>Universiti Sains Malaysia</i>.</p> <p>Launch of the Oral Health Division website (<a href="http://ohd.moh.gov.my">http://ohd.moh.gov.my</a>) on 8th November 2004.</p> <p>Approval of the Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) by the MOH ICT Steering Committee in November 2004.</p>
2005	<p>The optimum level of fluoride in water supply was adjusted down from 0.7 ppm to 0.5 ppm.</p> <p>The Dental Surgery Assistant Scheme was upgraded from two to three levels on 1 January 2005.</p> <p>Amendment of the dental trainers' service scheme (<i>Skim Perkhidmatan Pengajar</i>) to degree qualification for the Dental Training College Malaysia, 1 January 2005.</p> <p>Conduct of the National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children 2005 (NOHPS 2005).</p> <p>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.</p>

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	<p>Establishment of the Oral Cancer Research and Co-ordination Centre (OCRCC), University of Malaya on the 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).</p> <p>Start of the dental degree programme at AIMST University, the first private Dental Faculty, with an intake of 48 students.</p> <p>The Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health participated with an exhibition on outreach dental services and water fluoridation in Malaysia at the 27<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Dental Congress (27<sup>th</sup> APDC), 25-29 May 2005, Kuala Lumpur.</p>
2006	<p>Review of the National Oral Health Plan 2010 (NOHP 2010) was held with members of the dental fraternity.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Gazettement of two Regulations on 1 April 2006 under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998 (Act 586) namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (Private Medical Clinics or Private Dental Clinics) Regulations 2006 and</li> <li>- The Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (Private Hospitals and Other Private Healthcare Facilities) Regulations 2006.</li> </ul> <p>Act 586 came into effect on 1 May 2006.</p> <p>Dr Zaliha Ismail was the first MOH's dental officer enrolled for the Forensic Odontology postgraduate course in Australia.</p> <p>Initiation of the Awareness Programme on Mouth Self-Examination and launch of the Mouth Cancer Awareness Week in November 2006 as annual event/activity to be held in November each year.</p> <p>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'.</p>

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2006	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.
	Dental therapists are registered under the Allied Health Science Profession
2007	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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 [PTK]</i> ) was approved by the Public Services Department.
	Dental officers formed one of the three pioneer groups (with medical officers and pharmacists).

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	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.
2007	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</i> Malaysia (USIM) with an intake of 29 students.
	Start of the dental degree programme at the Malaysian Allied Health Sciences Academy (MAHSA), a private institution in collaboration with <i>Universitas Trisakti Indonesia</i> , with an intake of 38 students.
	Start of the Dental Surgery Assistant certificate programme at MAHSA, with an intake of 29 students.
2008	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 6 <sup>th</sup> 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.
	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.

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	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.
2008	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.
2008	The Oral Health Information Clinical System (OHClS) project development and implementation kicked off in January 2008.
2009	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.
2009	<p>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.</p> <p>With the signing of the MRA, the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS),</p>

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	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.
2009	<p>Papers were submitted to the Public Service Department for an Integrated Scheme (<i>Skim Bersepadu</i>) for Dental Nurses and Dental Technologists.</p> <p>Launch of the second coffee table book 'A Lifetime of Healthy Smiles - Oral Health in Malaysia' on 14 April 2009.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Oral Health Information Clinical System (OHCIS) went live in 11 clinics - 10 in Johor and 1 in Selangor.</p> <p>The Malaysian Dental Council declared its stand on fluoride use in the document 'Position Document on Use of Fluorides in Malaysia'.</p> <p>The first batch of 15 Dental Public Health Officers were gazetted and appointed under <i>Perintah Am Bab F (Perubatan) Perkara 27 (a) and (b)</i> on 1 August 2009.</p>
2010	<p>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>.</p> <p>Conduct of data collection for the National Oral Health Survey of Adults 2010 (NOHSA 2010) from April to July 2010.</p> <p>Operationalisation of the first non-hospital-based Oral Health Specialist Centre in Jalan Zaaba, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan.</p> <p>The Sabah State Cabinet approved the implementation of the State water fluoridation programme on 6 October 2010.</p> <p>Integration of Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) and the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) for Electronic Guarantee Letters (e-GL).</p>

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2010	<p>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 Malaysian public in Klang valley with 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. This enabled patients registered with e-KL to check or change appointments on-line or have their appointments notified via SMS on mobile phones.</p> <p>Development of ICT Security Policy in Dental Clinics for OHCIS.</p> <p>The Oral Health Division initiated and established the National Oral Health Research Initiative (NOHRI).</p> <p>The Technical Working Group (TWG) for Oral Health Development for 1Care was established on 1 October 2010.</p> <p>The re-organisation of the Oral Health Division into two main Divisions became effective 1 December 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral Health Development Division</li> <li>- Oral Health Regulation and Practice Division.</li> </ul> <p>Start of the School-based Fluoride Mouth Rinsing programme for Year 2 to Year 6 schoolchildren in Kelantan, Sabah and Sarawak.</p> <p>Full accreditation was given for the dental undergraduate programmes for Universiti Teknologi MARA, AIMST University and Penang International Dental College (PIDC).</p>
2010	<p>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.</p> <p>The Dental Act Amendments Committee was expanded to include representatives from professional associations and specialist groups on 7 October 2010.</p>
2011	<p>The first National Oral Health Plan Executive Committee Meeting was held on 25 February 2011 at Oral Health Division.</p>

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	<p>The <i>Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam</i> decided at its 94<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>
	<p>Launch of the first World Oral Health Day on 23 October 2011 by the Deputy Health Minister at Tropicana City Mall, Petaling Jaya.</p>
	<p>The National Oral Health Plan for Malaysia 2011 - 2020 was launched on the same day by the Deputy Health Minister 23 October 2011.</p>
	<p>A structured 2-year Dental Professional Development Programme for new Dental Officers was adopted by the Ministry of Health.</p>
	<p>Launch of the Oral Health Clinical Information System (OHCIS) on 22 October 2011 by the Minister of Health at Bandar Maharani, Muar.</p>
	<p>Provisional Accreditation was given to SEGI University College to start the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme.</p>
	<p>Integration of the Dental Practitioners' Information Management System and myCPD for renewal of annual practising certificates (APC).</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Establishment of the CPD Awarding Committee under the Malaysian Dental Council.</p>
	<p>Initiation of the Fluoride Varnish for Toddlers pilot project in Sabah, Sarawak, Terengganu and Kelantan.</p>
<p>2012</p>	<p>Full accreditation status was given for the dental undergraduate programmes of <i>Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM)</i>, <i>Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM)</i> and MAHSA University College.</p> <p>Approval of post-basic allowance for Dental Technologist and Dental Nurses in Paediatric Dentistry became effective on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 while approval of post-</p>

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	<p>basic allowance for Technologist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics became effective on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012.</p>
	<p>The Malaysian Dental Council at its 97<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Start of the Oral Health Division's involvement in the activities of the National Blue Ocean Strategies (NBOS) 4, 5 and 6.</p>
	<p>Launch of the first Urban Transformation Centre (UTC) with a one-chair dental clinic in Melaka on 23 June 2012.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Launch of the second UTC with a one-chair dental clinic in Pudu Sentral Kuala Lumpur on 22 September 2012.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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').</p>
	<p>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.</p>
2012	<p>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</p>

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	survey results to be shared and discussed openly at profession level.
	The Council approved the final draft of the Dental Bill at its 99 <sup>th</sup> Malaysian Dental Council Meeting on 22 November 2012.
	<p>The Prime Minister announced the liberalization of 17 sub-sectors targeted for June 2012 in Budget 2012. Under autonomous liberalisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- foreign dental specialists are allowed to practise in private hospitals, and</li> <li>- 100% foreign equity is allowed for the establishment of stand-alone dental specialist clinics.</li> </ul>
	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)
	<p>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).</p> <p>The visit heralded further collaboration in training dental technologists between MOH and the MOD.</p>
	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.
	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 (RTC) were initiated as one-stop centres that offer multiple services including

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	oral health services to the urban and rural community respectively.

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2012	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Chronic Periodontitis (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition)' and 'Orthodontic Management of Developmentally Missing Incisors' were approved by the CPG Council and published in 2012.
2013	The <i>Program Transformasi Minda</i> replacing Induction Courses for new dental officers came into effect on 1 January 2013 ( <i>Pekeliling Perkhidmatan Bil. 14 Tahun 2012</i> ).
	Establishment of ' <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pergigiankkm">www.facebook.com/ pergigiankkm</a> ' 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 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 <a href="http://www.ohdmoh.blogspot.com">www.ohdmoh.blogspot.com</a> 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 account of the Division on 20 June 2013.

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	<p>The application and renewal of Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) through Dental Practitioners' Information Management System (DPIMS) went 'live' on 1 July 2013.</p> <p>Establishment of 'ohdmoh' on Slideshare as one of the official social media account of the Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on 13 October 2013.</p> <p>The National Level Oral Health Carnival with the theme '<i>Gigi Ku Mutiara Ku</i>' 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.</p>
2013	<p>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.</p>
2014	<p>Implementation of Guidelines <i>Klinik Endodontik Klinik Pergigian Primer (KEPP)</i> was instituted on January 2014.</p> <p>The Gingival Index for Schoolchildren, was implemented effective on 1st January 2014.</p> <p>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.</p>
2014	<p>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.</p> <p>Promotion of the largest number of 24 Dental Specialists from various specialties in the Oral Health Programme to <i>Gred Khas C (KUP)</i> effective 26 April 2014.</p>

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
2014	<p>The Guidelines on the Use of Glass Ionomer Cements was implemented in June 2014.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Establishment of 'pergigiankkm' on Instagram as one of the official social media accounts of Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on September 2014.</p>
2014	<p>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.</p> <p>The MDC website received 5-star rating award in the Malaysian Government Portals and Websites Assessment (MGWPA) by Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC).</p> <p>TPC-OHCIS project officially commenced on 1 December 2014.</p> <p>AIMST University was given provisional accreditation to start the Bachelor of Dental Technology programme with intake of 18 students per year.</p>

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	<p>Full accreditation given to Melaka-Manipal BDS programme.</p> <p>Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Anterior Crossbite with Mixed Dentition' was approved by the CPG Council and published in 2014.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> enforcement prosecution on 'Fake Braces' under section 4(1) Act 586, was successfully carried out, resulting in a fine of RM20,000.</p>
2015	<p>Promotion of the largest group of 16 Dental Officers U54 to Gred Utama C (KUP) effective on 1 January 2015.</p> <p>Establishment of 'Kelab Doktor Muda Keperluan Khas' in 2015. Oral Health Division was involved in the development of oral health module.</p> <p>The revision of Terms of Reference for Joint Technical Accreditation Committee (JTAC) was completed and endorsed by MDC during their 109<sup>th</sup> meeting on 24 February 2015.</p> <p>Establishment of '@PergigianKKM' on Twitter as one of the official social media accounts of Oral Health Division, Ministry of Health on 9 February 2015.</p> <p><i>Bayaran Insentif Pakar</i> awarded to gazetted Dental Public Health Specialists effective on 1 March 2015.</p> <p>Dental Technologist Post Basic Programme (Maxillofacial) ended on March 2015.</p> <p>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.</p>
2015	<p>The Oral Health Division, MOH for the first time received direct allocation from Ministry of Finance for the purpose of procuring four Mobile Dental Clinics.</p> <p>Acceptance of the proposal for 'Program Pergigian Mesra Rakyat' for</p>

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	<p>consideration by the National Strategic Unit, Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children was conducted from July to October 2015 by the Oral Health Division, MOH.</p> <p>Further reduction of the 2-year compulsory service to 1-year for new dental officer registrants effective on 1 July 2015.</p> <p>Launching of 'e-Book' by the Health Minister at the <i>Dewan Serbaguna, Blok E8</i>, Ministry of Health on 9 July 2015. 'e-Book' is one of the platforms to disseminate oral health messages through web site.</p> <p>Initiation of development of Guidelines for Oral Healthcare for Young Adults.</p> <p>The initial draft was presented at both JDPKP Bil 1/2015 meeting and Dental Public Health Specialist (DPHS) Meeting on 30-31 July 2015.</p> <p>Development of Strategic Plan for Oral Healthcare for the Indigenous Population (<i>Orang Asli</i>).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Reorganisation of the Oral Health Division Structure was revisited to improve the organisational capacity for service provision.</p>
2015	No new posts were approved under ' <i>Anggaran Belanja Mengurus</i> ' 2015. The posts for new facilities were deployed from the existing pool.

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	<p>Degree programme for the Dental Technologist intake by AIMST University started in September 2015.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Upgrading of DSA scheme (upgrade to Grade U19/24/26/28) was approved as announced in the 2016 Budget Speech on October 2015.</p> <p>Terms of Reference (TOR) for Collaborative Research with the Oral Health Division, MOH was implemented with effect on 30 October 2015.</p> <p>Modified MOH International Caries Detection and Assessment System (ICDAS) was piloted at 4 primary schools in FT Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya in October 2015.</p> <p>System Requirement Specification (SRS) for Clinical Documentation (CD) <i>Sistem Pengurusan Pesakit</i> for oral health was signed by the Head of Oral Surgery and Head of Paediatric Dentistry Specialties on 20th October 2015.</p>
2015	<p>System Requirement Specification (SRS) for TPC-OHCIS was signed as baseline on 21st October 2015.</p> <p>Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Oral surgery for Prevention of Surgical Site Infection (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) and 'Management of Unerupted Maxillary Incisor (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)' were approved by the CPG Council and published in November 2015.</p> <p>Revision of the scope and functions of Dental Nurses and Dental Technologists.</p> <p>The criteria and establishment of Dental Public Health Specialist strategic posts was approved at <i>Mesyuarat</i> JDPKP Bil. 5 Tahun 2015.</p> <p>The creation of strategic posts is a requirement from Public Service Department to ensure that the position of the Dental Public Health Specialist is strategic and based on service needs.</p> <p>Notification letter from the Oral Health Division; KKM-600-26/1/5 (17) –<i>Penetapan</i></p>

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	<i>Penempatan Jawatan Strategik Pakar Pergigian Kesihatan Awam- Fasa Pertama</i> dated 23 December 2015 was circulated.
2015	<p>New Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Ameloblastoma' was approved by the CPG Council and published in December 2015.</p> <p>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'.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Mobile Dental Clinics (Bus type) with 2 dental chairs was allocated for operationalisation to the Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Oral Health Division.</p> <p>A Mobile Dental Lab was allocated one each to the Oral Health Division of Perak and Kelantan.</p>
2016	<p>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.</p> <p>The Director-General of Health issued a press statement regarding long waiting time amongst new dental graduates for compulsory service in MOH on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.</p> <p>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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.</p> <p>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.</p>

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2016	<p>International College of Dentists (ICD) Asia Pacific Congress &amp; 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 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and officiated by Minister of Health, YB Dato' Seri Dr. Subramaniam.</p>
	<p>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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.</p>
	<p>A Mobile Dental Clinic (Bus type) with 2 dental chairs was allocated for operationalisation to the Oral Health Division of Kelantan on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (under NBOS allocation budget).</p>
	<p>The Oral Health Division MOH first collaboration as strategic partner with Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development for <i>Kembara Kebajikan 1Malaysia</i> involving 20 pit stops nationwide from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The closing ceremony was officiated <del>done</del> in Hutan Melintang, Perak by the Deputy Prime Minister.</p>
2016	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (NBOS allocation budget).</p>

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2016	Smoking Prevention and Intervention Programme amongst Schoolchildren through School Dental Services named as KOTAK – <i>Kesihatan Oral Tanpa Asap Rokok</i> was initiated in June 2016 with the theme <i>MY Gaya Hidup Terkini</i> .
	Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled ‘Management of Palatally Ectopic Canine (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016.
	A workshop to review the Oral Health Programme Moratorium was held at Royale Bintang Hotel, Seremban on 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2016.
	A symposium on mid-term review for the National Oral Health Plan 2010-2020 was held on 14 <sup>th</sup> 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.
	The MOH Secretary-General issued a circular ( <i>Surat Pekeliling Ketua Setiausaha KKM Bil 4 Tahun 2016</i> ) on 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 “Ikon Gigi” Program was officiated on 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 by the Deputy Minister of Health at Dewan Tun Perak, LHDN Melaka.

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	<p>The official YouTube channel for Oral Health Division was rebranded to myGG Channel and officiated by the Principal Director of Oral Health on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016.</p> <p>The renaming of the MOH Dental Therapists' post according to grade was agreed by the Secretary-General of MOH and enforced on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This did not affect the organizational structure and did not involve any amendment to the warrant of employment.</p>
2016	<p>Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) entitled 'Management of Acute Orofacial Infection of Odontogenic Origin in Children (1<sup>st</sup> Edition)' and 'Management of Periodontal Abscess (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)' were approved by the CPG Council and published in December 2016.</p> <p>Full accreditation was given to SEGi University BDS programme.</p> <p>Director General of Health Malaysia agreed on the proposal for the implementation of vocational attachment (VA) as an option to dental graduates to undergo Compulsory Service in the private sector.</p> <p>The Oral Health Division MOH agreed on the recruitment of male Dental Therapist trainees at PPKK &amp; ILKKM Georgetown (Pergigian). The first batch of 13 male trainees were accepted for July session 2017.</p> <p>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</p>
2016	<p>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.</p>
2017	<p>Nationwide pilot implementation of Modified MOH ICDAS was introduced as first phase in January 2017.</p> <p>Medical Officers and Dental Officers Service Scheme was improved with the creation of a special grade UD/UG56 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 as a Specialist Career Pathway (<i>Pekeliling Perkhidmatan Bilangan 12 Tahun 2016</i>).</p> <p>The first batch of 526 Dental Officers Grade UG 41 appointed on contract has undergone the <i>Program Transformasi Minda (PTM)</i> from 9<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Additional Dental Health Modules covering 9 topics were introduced during this</p>

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	<p><i>PTM</i> for the first time.</p> <p>Standard Operating Procedure on Dental Examination &amp; Diagnosis and Blood Pressure Measurement was introduced for use at Dental Clinics (Primary Care) in January 2017.</p>
2017	<p>Implementation of Fee Order (Medical) (Amendment) 2017 was enforced on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.</p> <p>The establishment of Dental Public Health Specialist strategic posts was revised.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Mesyuarat Lembaga Kenaikan Pangkat Perkhidmatan Awam (LKPPA) Bil 1 Tahun 2017</i> on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 approved the proposal for the relaxation of the terms of the gazette period for the promotion of 43 Public Health Dental Specialists to UG 56 Grade.</p>
2017	<p>Discussions with the Dental Faculties was held on 6<sup>th</sup> 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 .</p> <p>The Principal Director of Oral Health launched the Dental Buskers Programme and Dental Street Jam - 'When Words Fail, Music Speaks' on 11<sup>th</sup> 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>.</p>

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	<p>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 'Agama Penggalak Kesihatan Pergigian Ummah' was the theme chosen where the event was officiated by YB Deputy Minister of Health on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the National Mosque, Kuala Lumpur.</p> <p><i>Kembara Sihat 1 Malaysia (KS1M) 2017</i> 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 involving 110 pit stops, 12 000 communities and covering 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.</p> <p>Data collection for National Health Morbidity Survey (NHMS): National Oral Health Survey of School Children (NOHSS) 2017 was done from March until April 2017.</p> <p>The first involvement of the Oral Health Division MOH in the KL Car Free Morning on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Dataran DBKL 1, Federal Territory KL following the launch of Dental Buskers and Dental Street Jam.</p> <p>The launch of the Oral Health and Religious Programme (KOA) for Buddhism was officiated on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 by the Deputy Minister of Health at the Temple Hall of the San Kau Tong Believers Society, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan.</p>
2017	<p>The Teleprimary Care - Oral Health Clinical Information System (TPC-OHCIS) is an integrated electronic health clinical information system which enable 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.</p>

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	<p>The Outcome Based Education (OBE)'s new curriculum for the Dental Surgery Certificate was enforced on 1<sup>st</sup> July upon agreement by the Education Board which convened on 20 April 2017.</p> <p>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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.</p>
2017	<p>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.</p> <p>Enforcement of compound for the list of offenses under Act 586 commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Implementation of compounding was carried out in stages with full implementation from 1 January 2019.</p> <p>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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017. In conjunction with this launch, an exchange of Memorandum of Understanding document was carried out and witnessed by the YAB Deputy Prime Minister as symbol of cooperation between the Oral Health Division MOH and Community College Department, Ministry of Higher Education.</p> <p>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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.</p> <p>'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.</p> <p>The 'Dentures for Elderly Project' was selected as one of the Touch Points Critical Health Intervention initiatives for Rakyat 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.</p>

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	<p>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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.</p> <p><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 the 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.</p>
2017	<p>YB Deputy Minister of Health tabled the first reading of the Dental Bill 2017 in the House of Representatives in Parliament on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017.</p> <p>The National Oral Health Survey of Preschool Children 2015 and National Oral Health Survey of School Children 2017 were published in December 2017.</p> <p>Full accreditation was given to Lincoln University College DDS programme.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The revised Guidelines for Accreditation of Dental Degree Programmes was approved by the Malaysian Dental Council during the 119<sup>th</sup> council meeting and effective starting 2019. The document was renamed as Code of Practice for Programme Accreditation – Undergraduate Dental Degree (Version 2) 2019.</p>
2018	<p><i>Program Pergigian Mesra Rakyat</i> at People's Housing Project was implemented.</p> <p>Phase 2 implementation of Modified MOH ICDAS pilot nationwide started on January 2018.</p> <p>The Oral Health Programme, MOH name was officially announced to be used as a standard replacement to the Oral Health Division, MOH on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.</p>

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	<p>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 &amp; Institut Latihan KKM Georgetown (Pergigian) [PPKK &amp; ILKKM (Pergigian) Georgetown]</i> effective 2018 following a restructuring of MOH Malaysia Training Institute by the Training Management Division, MOH.</p>
	<p>Trade-off of all 391 UG41 non-flexible Dental Officers' posts 2016 to flexi posts UG41 / 44/48 was enforced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.</p>
2018	<p>The first Government Dental Clinic in Malaysia, Klinik Pergigian Cahaya Suria was relocated and became fully operational on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.</p>
	<p>The first batch of 526 Grade UG41 Dental Officers appointed on contract basis completed their compulsory service on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.</p>
	<p>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 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>
2018	<p>The first admission of Contract Dental Officers for the year 2018 was implemented with 709 officers undergoing the <i>Program Transformasi Minda (PTM)</i> at Regency Hotel and Hotel Flamingo Kuala Lumpur from 26<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.</p>
	<p>A total of 45 candidates successfully received full paid leave (<i>Cuti Belajar Bergaji Penuh -CBBP</i>) offered with scholarship (<i>Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan-HLP</i>) and 4 candidates have successfully received CBBP offered without HLP for the 2018/2019 sessions.</p>
	<p>The House of Representatives approved the Dental Bill 2017 on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 following the second and third reading by YB Minister of Health Datuk Seri Dr S.Subramaniam.</p>

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	<p>The House of Senates approved the Dental Bill 2017 on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 following the second and third reading of the bill by YB Deputy Minister of Health, Dato' Seri Dr Hilmi bin Haji Yahaya.</p> <p>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.</p>
2018	<p>The Training of Trainers Workshop for “Transformation with 1Smile Together” (TW1ST) programme was held from 25<sup>th</sup> 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.</p> <p>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 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018.</p> <p>Dental Act 2018 [Act 804] was given the Royal Assent on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and published in the gazette on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018.</p> <p>Roadshow for the Dental Act 2018 was held in collaboration with the Malaysian Dental Association at all States except Perlis and WP Labuan from 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.</p> <p>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.</p>
2018	<p>The first initiation of in-house production of FB Live by Oral Health Programme was done on 14 August 2018.</p> <p>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.</p>

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	<p>'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.</p> <p>The official launch of <i>Minggu Promosi Peringkat Kebangsaan</i> by the Health Minister YB Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 during every year 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.</p>
2018	<p>School Based Fluoride Mouth Rinsing Manual was distributed to all States on 26 September 2018 for implementation in schools that meet the criteria.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Formulation of the Programme Standard for accreditation of Dental Surgery Assistant Diploma programme.</p> <p>The Oral Health Programme proposed for 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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018.</p>
2018	<p>Contract Dental Officers are allowed to do locum upon completion of the compulsory service effective from 20 July 2018 subject to terms and condition</p>

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2019	<p>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.</p> <p>The Oral Healthcare for Young Adults in Malaysia Guidelines was approved on 29 January 2019 and was implemented on 1 March 2019 at all states.</p> <p>The proposal of Cluster Concept for Specialist Oral Healthcare in Ministry of Health facilities was approved by Director General of Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia on 18 February 2019.</p> <p>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 &amp; 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.</p> <p><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</p>												

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	Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia.
2019	<p>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.</p> <p><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 &amp; 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.</p> <p><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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Kampung Orang Asli Menderang 1, Sungkai, Perak.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Minggu Promosi Kesihatan Pergigian 2019</i> was officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Haji Aminuddin bin Harun, Chief Minister of Negeri Sembilan on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Seremban, Negeri Sembilan.</p>
2019	<p><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.</p> <p>On 27 September 2019, the Oral Health Programme official webpage, which can be assessed at <a href="http://ohd.moh.gov.my">http://ohd.moh.gov.my</a> 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</p>

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	<p>HRMIS, MyGovUC, MyCPD, Public Service Department, MyGovernment, e-ISO PKP and EKSA. In addition, integrated social media buttons for <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pegiagiankkm">facebook/pegiagiankkm</a>, <a href="https://www.blogspot.com/ohd">blogspot/ohd</a> and <a href="https://www.youtube.com/myGGchannel">youtube/myGGchannel</a> were added to foster interactive communication with netizens.</p>
2019	<p>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.</p> <p>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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.</p> <p>Fluoride Varnish Programme for Toddlers was approved for nationwide implementation starting 2019 for toddlers at nurseries, Maternal and Child Health Clinics and Dental Clinics.</p> <p>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 guidelines is to be implemented in preschool and school dental service starting in January 2021 with the new LP8 card.</p>
2019	<p>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.</p> <p>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,</p>

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	<p>Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Nepal and Sri Lanka.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The LP8 2019 document was revised and approved on 13 November 2019 for implementation with effect from 1 January 2021.</p> <p>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.</p>
2020	<p>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.</p> <p>The Oral Healthcare for Preschool Children Guidelines was revised, approved on 6 January 2020 and was disseminated on 19 May 2020.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>YB Minister of Health's Town Hall Session with dental staff from all States was held on 10th February 2020 at Ministry of Health's Multipurpose Hall, Level 8, Block E7, Putrajaya.</p> <p>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 Ministry of Health's Multipurpose Hall, Level 8, Block E7, Putrajaya.</p> <p><i>Garis Panduan Program Kampung Angkat Pergigian</i> was approved on 20 October 2020 to be implemented in year 2021. Training for state coordinators was carried out on 3 March 2021.</p> <p>In conjunction with the World Oral Health Day 2020, pre-screening activity and oral cancer screening were carried out in <i>Projek Perumahan Rakyat</i> Sri Kiambang, Serendah, Selangor on 7 March 2020.</p>

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	<p>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.</p>
2020	<p>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).</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1: 18 - 31 March 2020</li> <li>Phase 2: 1 - 14 April 2020</li> <li>Phase 3: 15 - 28 April 2020</li> <li>Phase 4: 29 - 12 May 2020 (Conditional MCO)</li> <li>Phase 5: 13 May - 9 June 2020 (Conditional MCO)</li> <li>Phase 6: 10 June - 31 August (Recovery MCO)</li> <li>Phase 7: 1 September 2020 onwards until vaccine is found (Normalisation)</li> </ul> <p>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).</p> <p>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 PPKK dan ILKMM 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 &amp; Response Centre (CPRC) Hotline Responders for COVID-</p>

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	<p>19 Cluster Risk Communication starting from 1 April 2020.</p> <p>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 No. 1/2020</i> (18 Mei 2020).</p> <p>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 platform namely Oral Health Programme <i>Facebook</i> and <i>Instagram</i>.</p> <p>The new normal or norm were introduced in oral health care services such as avoiding 3Cs i.e. <b>C</b>rowded place, <b>C</b>onfined spaces, and <b>C</b>lose conversation with physical distancing of at least 1 meter between each individual, as well as applying 3Ws i.e. <b>W</b>ash, <b>W</b>ear and <b>W</b>arn among other preventive measures.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
2020	<p>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 Perancang Kesihatan Pergigian Bil. 2-2020</i> was held via video</p>

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	<p>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 &amp; 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.</p>
2020	<p>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 reducing congestion at dental clinics.</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p>
2020	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>These officers were flown to Sabah to work in three different locations, Lahad Datu, Semporna and Sandakan. Among the tasks carried out during 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.</p>

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2020	<p>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.</p> <p>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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to promote this new initiative. Following that, the guidelines was approved for implementation in all states on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.</p>
2020	<p><i>Garispanduan 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 and followed subsequently by implementation in 3 dental clinics per district in every state in 2020.</p>
2021	<p>Implementation of Pain Management as <i>Garispanduan 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.</p>
2021	<p>An Excel format for seamless compilation of numerous reports for pre schoolers, schoolchildren, and young adults programme was introduced for implementation starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.</p> <p>This format named 'Gi-RET PSY 2020' was developed by a team of highly skilled individuals from several states uses complex Visual Basic for Application (VBA) instructions integrated into a <del>the</del> format that simplified and minimizing errors in generating reports.</p>
2021	<p>The revised "Guidelines - Oral Healthcare for Schoolchildren, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition", was approved for early implementation at state level in March 2021. This guidelines emphasized on risk-based approach in delivering oral healthcare for schoolchildren. It was titled - <i>Garis Panduan Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Sekolah, edisi 3, 2021</i>. This guidelines used the acronym PERSiS –<i>Penilaian Risiko Sekolah</i> (risk-based approach) in identifying high risk schools for prioritization in service delivery.</p>
2021	<p>The workshop on 'Pengukuhan Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Pergigian Primer' was conducted from 16<sup>th</sup> until 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for the first time via video conferencing mode and attended by of more than 1500 dental personnel from all over the</p>

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	country. Prior to this all workshops organised by Primary Care Branch were held via face-to-face/physical meetings.									
2021	'Guidelines on Conscious Sedation in Dentistry for Adult Patients' was approved on the 26 January 2021 by Oral Health Programme, Ministry of Health and uploaded onto the Oral Health Programme website.									
2021	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.									
2021	OPOM Specialty expanded its service in Selangor on 1st March 2021 in Hospital Serdang Selangor to deliver OPOM specialist care services to the public.									
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