



MMA Foundation

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Selamat sejahtera dan selamat pagi.

First of all I would like to thank Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Leo Moggie, Minister of Energy, Communications and Multimedia for agreeing to officiate the launching of this year's Breast Cancer Awareness campaign, jointly organised by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Foundation Radiology Fund and the Malaysian College of Radiology. .

Prevention and early detection can only be achieved by awareness. In the past the print media has helped to disseminate the information, but this year the electronic media is being used to get the message across. It is thus appropriate for the Minister of Energy, Communications and Multimedia to launch this year's campaign.

The MMA Foundation, which was founded in 1976 with donations from the Malaysian Medical Association, has grown over the years with generous support from corporations and the public. The MMA Foundation was established with the objective of promoting higher standards of health care in the country through public education, medical research, undergraduate and postgraduate training as well as promoting charitable activities.

The MMA Foundation has over the years worked closely with the Ministry of Health and complemented the Ministry in trying to upgrade healthcare delivery both in the urban and rural areas. In order to be more effective various funds and committees have been formed by the Foundation to assist the Board of Trustees in the day-to-day management. Currently there are four funds in the Foundation namely the Eye Fund, the Accident Fund, the Infectious Diseases Fund and the Radiology Fund.



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The Foundation has over the years carried out many healthcare projects. In 1993-94 the MMA Foundation with the help of the public was able to donate RM630, 000 to buy infant ventilators for the Neonatal Intensive Cares of government hospitals.

The Eye Foundation launched in 1997 has been able to provide subsidised intraocular lens implants. So far about 1,800 patients have benefited from this project.

The MMA Foundation early last month launched the pap smear screening campaign to benefit the rural population. A sum of RM250,000.00 has been allocated for this project.

The MMA Foundation Radiology Fund and the Malaysian College of Radiology had conducted a successful Breast Awareness campaign last year. This is the second year this campaign is being held and we hope this can be done yearly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Malaysian College of Radiology for their effort in organising this campaign, the management of Pantai Medical Centre for being the venue host of today's function and being one of the first private hospitals offering subsidised mammograms and the medical and pharmaceutical companies for having come forward to assist in this project.

Sekian terima kasih.