

## Sunway University offers two scholarships for Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Care for the Elderly

Starting from January 2022, Sunway University offers two scholarships for doctors from Ministry of Health to pursue the Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Care for the Elderly programme offered by the Department of Medical Sciences at School of Medical and Life Sciences, Sunway University.

The offer was announced at the signing of the collaborative agreement between Sunway University and the Malaysian Society of Geriatric Medicine (MSGM) at Sunway University on 3 December, alongside the jubilant news of full accreditation by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

The agreement was signed by Professor Sibrand Poppema, president of Sunway University and Dr Ungku Ahmad Ameen Ungku Mohd. Zam, president of MSGM and supported by witnesses, Professor Abhimanyu Veerakumarasivam, Dean of the School of Medical and Life Sciences, Sunway University and Professor Tan Maw Pin of Universiti Malaya.

Datuk Dr Asmayani Khalib, Deputy Director-General of Health Ministry was present.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Care for Elderly (PGDPCE), is a one-year pioneer programme for medical doctors to upskill them in providing care of older adults with multiple illnesses and help them to lead an independently functional life for as long as possible. The number of geriatricians in Malaysia is not sufficient to manage the rising number of older adults.

Professor Datin Dr Chia Yook Chin, head of the Department of Medical Sciences, School of Medical and Life Sciences, Sunway University, said: "This MOU is a very significant mark of advancement for geriatric medicine in Malaysia. It also illustrates the close and successful collaboration between the Malaysian Society of Geriatric Medicine (MSGM), a professional society and a university."

Dr Ungku Ameen said the MOU is a good platform to share knowledge for doctors who are interested in the field of caring for older persons.

For details of the scholarship please contact Datin Prof Dr Chia at [ycchia@sunway.edu.my](mailto:ycchia@sunway.edu.my)



The team behind the collaboration between Sunway University and Malaysian Society of Geriatric Medicine to offer one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Care for the Elderly.

## International Day of Older Persons' celebrations at hospitals

By Nor Hakima Makhtar

Geriatric patients in ward 8G of Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Klang celebrated the International Day of Old Persons (IDOP) with hospital staff on 15 October. Few montages were presented to share with the patients the activities and obstacles faced during the Covid-19 pandemic. Geriatric nurses and physiotherapists conducted some recreational activities to entertain the patients.

Collaborating with Klang Health district office, Klang welfare district office, USIAMAS, PAWE Sg Udang, KEWASIH and Kelab Warga Emas Klang, two public webinars were organised on 16th and 23 October.

About 300 people attended the webinars listening to common geriatric problems shared by doctors and allied health professionals. Prizes were presented to winners of quizzes at the Pandamaran Health Clinic during the closing ceremony in early November.



The International Day of Older Persons' celebration was held in Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah, Klang on 15 October.



The team handling public webinars highlighting the common geriatric problems held in conjunction with the International Day of Older Persons.

At the University Putra Malaysia Teaching Hospital (HPUPM), Azliza Rahim and Hakimah Sallehuddin report that the university organised its first IDOP celebration at the geriatric unit on 1 October.

Hospital Director, Prof. Madya Dr Muhammad Mohd Isa presented goodies bags to all older patients in the ward, followed by a Facebook live talk.

The Virtual event was live-streamed on HPUPM's official Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/hpupm/videos/429250781890853>.

During the Facebook live talk attended by about 1,200 people, they were introduced to new services - "Fracture Liaison Service and Klinik Diet Warga Emas" provided by the geriatric unit of HPUPM.



HPUPM director Prof. Madya Dr Muhammad Mohd Isa (second from right) and Dr Hakimah Sallehuddin (third from left), the chairman of IDOP 2021 @HPUPM and clinical teams celebrate International Day of Older Persons with elderly patients.

At the Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Dr Rizah Mazzuin Razali reported that the MY Geriatrik Facebook page of Hospital Kuala Lumpur was officially launched by Deputy Director of Hospital Kuala Lumpur Dr Shahrum Ismail on 15 October.

The launch was held in conjunction with the celebration of International Day of Older People at Hospital Kuala Lumpur with series of activities and competition organised throughout the four-week celebration.

Datuk Dr Asmayani Khalib, Deputy Director-General of Health Ministry, presented the prizes to winners at the closing ceremony held on 23 November.

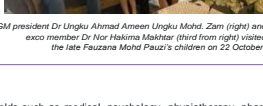


Opening Ceremony of International Day of Older People and launch of My Geriatrik FB page at Hospital Kuala Lumpur.

## Macbook and toys for the late Fauzana Mohd Pauzi's children

MSGM president Dr Ungku Ahmad Ameen Ungku Mohd. Zam (right) and exco member Dr Nor Hakima Makhtar (third from right) visited the late Fauzana Mohd Pauzi's children on 22 October.

The children were happy to receive the gifts - a Macbook and toys bought with cash contributed by her close friends and colleagues following her passing.



The balance of cash contributions was handed over to Fauzana's family.

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## MyFalls

A total of 136 participants from various fields such as medical, psychology, physiotherapy, pharmacy, environmental safety, social care, nutrition and researchers turned up on the first hybrid scientific meeting, Malaysian Falls Prevention Network (MyFalls) on the 4 Dec at Le Meridian.

Another 140 virtual participants joined the virtual meeting on 5 December to collectively brainstorm new approaches in falls prevention strategy that can be implemented among community-dwelling adults in Malaysia where 12 oral presentations were held concurrently with themes covering Falls, Bone, and Musculoskeletal; Falls and Environmental Risk Factor; and Falls, Cardiovascular, Cognition, and Psychological Factor.

The organisers believe that the involvement of experts across multiple disciplines of elderly healthcare creates awareness on falls among older adults.



Ministry of Health Director-General Tan Sri Noor Hisham Abdullah virtually officiated the Malaysian Falls Prevention Network (MyFalls) held on 4-5 December 2021 at Le Meridian.

## MCGM 2022

Do not miss the MCGM 2022 scheduled to be held at Kuching from 18-20 Aug, 2022.

Remember to look out for the registration on <https://www.mcgm-msgm.com/>

MCGM 2022 coincides with the 10th anniversary of MSGM this year.



## Future events

### National

1. Malaysia Congress of Health Ageing, 15-17 March 2022
2. Fragility Fracture Network Malaysian (Q1, to be confirmed)
3. Malaysian Stroke Conference, August 12-14 2022
4. Malaysian Congress of Geriatric Medicine, August 18-20 2022
5. Malaysian Falls Network Meeting (provisionally 3-4 Dec 2022)

### International

1. IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis, 24-27th March 2022
2. European Falls Festival 4-5 April 2022
3. British Geriatrics Society Spring Meeting 6-8 April 2022
4. American Geriatrics Society, 12-14 May 2022
5. ANZSGM 2022 (18-20 May to be confirmed)- Sydney
6. ADI Conference, 8-10 June 2022 (London)
7. IAGG 2022- Buenos Aires 12-16 June
8. Alzheimer's Association international conference 31 July - 4 August, 2022
9. EUGMS- 10-12 October 2022 (to be confirmed) (London)
10. 10th FFN Global Congress, Melbourne, 20-22nd October 2022
11. Asian Society Against Dementia (27-29 Oct 2022 to be confirmed)
12. British Geriatrics Society Autumn Meeting 16-18 Nov 2022
13. 2nd World Congress on Falls and Postural Stability, Perth, Australia (30 Nov-2 Dec 2022 to be confirmed)

These events have been submitted to the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia to be included in the CPD list for 2022. Please advise us if you have events which need to be included into the CPD list, that has emerged in due course. We would advise that all specialist members (with NSR for any medical specialty including internal medicine) use the AMM -CPD portal to claim CPD points as this will ease the process for revalidation which will emerge in the future. Here is the link to the CPD Login: <https://nsr.org.my/login1.asp>. Do bookmark this in your browser to ease future access.

## New member

We would like to welcome new MSGM member  
Dr RAYMOND ONG KHAR FEL, A SPECIALIST  
with TENGKU AMPUAN RAHIMAH HOSPITAL,



## Reminder to renew membership subscription

As 2021 is coming to an end, this is a gentle reminder for associate members to renew the annual MSGM subscription.

Kindly make arrangement to remit RM100.00, by cheque/bank transfer/cash via ATM machine to:

Bank: Maybank  
Account Name: Persatuan Perubatan Geriatrik Malaysia  
Account Number: 5141 6113 3358

Kindly send us your remittance advice by email it to [secretariat@msgm.com.my](mailto:secretariat@msgm.com.my) once payment is made.

Should you have any questions pertaining to your membership, please feel free to email us.

