



## News

### Visit to MAPS Secretariat by the Pakistan Trade Delegates on 22nd November 2012

A delegation from Pakistan paid a visit to the MAPS Secretariat on 22nd November 2012. The objective was to familiarise themselves with MAPS and to understand the Malaysian Pharmaceutical market.

The President and Secretary played host to the delegation.

The delegation was briefed on the membership and roles of MAPS in Malaysia. A brief discussion on the importation and registration of generics, particularly on the PICS + the 8 Reference countries as well as the importance to have BE studies conducted by accredited Centres recognised by the BPFK were highlighted. Click [list of companies](#) for more details.



MAPS also entertained the trade delegation with a sumptuous lunch.



### Congratulations to En Radzmi Rahmat, President of MAPS, Karen Pua and Germax Sdn Bhd for being recognised for their respective achievements

The prestigious McMillan Woods Global Awards 2012 was held on 1st November 2012 in KL Hilton

The Event highlighted and recognised the achievements of global leading business visionaries across all Industry sectors and honours their contributions toward global economic development.

Present was the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senator A. Kohilan Pillay who later presented the Awards to the respective recipients.

GWe congratulate En Radzmi Rahmat, Ms Karen Pua and Germax Sdn Bhd in achieving the following Awards:

1. Germax Sdn Bhd - Industry Class Awards in Healthcare

2. En Radzmi Rahmat, Chairman of Germax Sdn Bhd - Lifetime Achievement Award
3. Ms Karen Pua Luan Ching, Executive Director of Germax Sdn Bhd - Master Class Woman Entrepreneur of the Year.



Mr Radzmi Rahmat receiving the Industry Class Awards in Healthcare  
Mr Radzmi Rahmat receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award



Ms Karen Pua Luan Ching, Executive Director of Germax Sdn Bhd, receiving the Master Class Woman Entrepreneur of the Year

**Congratulations Parvus, an EP Plus Associated Company, for being awarded Best Employer by SOBA**

The Star Outstanding Business Award 2012 presented the award of Best Employer, Silver Award to EP Plus Company. The Silver Award is the highest award for this category in 2012. Parvus is an EP Plus Associated Company



## **MEDICINES PRICING & REIMBURSEMENT WORKSHOP 2012**

MAPS participated in this Workshop, which was held on 18-19 October at the Holiday Villa Subang.

Back to back to the DUNAS workshop, the Pharmaceutical Services Division, in collaboration with the WHO, organized the MEDICINES PRICING & REIMBURSEMENT WORKSHOP 2012.

Various interest groups were invited to participate.

The Objectives were:

1. To propose a sustainable price setting methodology which is implementable for Malaysia
2. To suggest a suitable mechanism for implementation of proposed price setting methodology
3. To recommend medicine price reimbursement which may be appropriate for Malaysia

To assist in the workshop were 2 WHO representatives viz: Dr Graham Harrison from the WHO Representative office and Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom, another consultant from WHO and who is attached to the University of South Australia.

The PSD will have further deliberations in order to take this Workshop proposals to the next level.

## **MALAYSIAN NATIONAL MEDICINES POLICY (DUNAS)**

MAPS participated in this Workshop, which was held on 15-17 October 2012 at the Holiday Villa Subang.

The Malaysian National Medicines Policy, or Dasar Ubat Nasional (DUNAS)' objective is to promote equitable access to, rational use of quality, safe, effective and affordable essential drugs to improve the health outcomes of the people.

The existing DUNAS was from 2006 till 2012 and the Pharmaceutical Services Division (PSD) has been given the task to conduct a Full Term Review to set the policies for the ensuing 5 years. To do so, input and consensus from all stakeholders towards the suggestions of the components, and new strategies were sought at a Workshop held from 15-17 October in Holiday Villa Subang.

To assist in this Review, a WHO consultant, Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom had been invited. In addition, the local stakeholders consisting of MAPS, MOPI, PhAMA, MMA, CAP, MITI, PEMANDU, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Higher Education, Insurance Agencies, APHM, MPS, MyCC, CRCMIDA were also invited to present their respective views.

The workshop went through the earlier 2006-2012 report and made further recommendations. The components were :

1. Quality, Safety and Efficacy of Drugs
2. Drug Accessibility
3. Quality Use of Medicines
4. Human Resources Development, Research & Development, Technical Co-operation

## **Second Extraordinary General Meeting**

Some resolutions in the previous general meetings were approved and some others were not acceptable to the Registrar of Societies (ROS). A second EGM was called on the 24th October to further amend the resolutions in order to gain the ROS approval.

The meeting, held at the MAPS secretariat, was called to order upon reaching the quorum. Some clarifications were made, and the resolutions were finally approved by the general meeting.