

Malaysian Association of Pharmaceutical Suppliers (MAPS)
3rd Annual Dinner
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Presidents of

Pharmaceutical Association of Malaysia(PhAMA),

Malaysian Organisation of Pharmaceutical Industries (MOPI),

Malaysian Community Pharmacy Guild (MCPG),

Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia (APHM),

Malaysian Medical Association (MMA),

Mr. Tan Ann Ling, Director of Pharmacy Enforcement,
Ministry of Health,

The Organizing Committee,

Distinguished and esteemed members,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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And a very good evening,

1) First and foremost, it is my pleasure to be invited here tonight and also to be representing the Senior Director of Pharmaceutical Services, Dr. Ramli Zainal as the Guest of Honour. I would like to thank MAPS for inviting me to say a few words on his behalf on this memorable Triennial event.

2) The Pharmaceutical Services Programme (PSP), Ministry of Health Malaysia, is pleased to extend our heartiest congratulations to MAPS on the organisation of this dinner which gathers like-minded players of the pharmaceutical industry to celebrate the association since its inception in 2011.

3) Over the years, MAPS has clearly proven to be a very active association and has established good relations with the Pharmaceutical Services Programme, especially through the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRRA). The association continues to support and assist the NPRRA in all matters pertaining to the registration of pharmaceutical products.

4) Among the recent contributions of MAPS include, among others, engaging with the Ministry on the initiatives for the health sector plan of the 12th Malaysia Plan (RMK-12), participating in the survey on Code of Ethics, providing constructive ideas in dialogues held by the Pharmaceutical Services Programme as well as assisting in the review of guidelines related to product registration.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5) It is the Ministry's goal to ensure that safe, quality and efficacious medicines are affordable and accessible to patients in a timely manner. This is in line with the

United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals 3 (SDG-3) – to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. The availability of both local and imported generics in the market will not only provide more options for patients and healthcare providers but will also ensure that the pharmaceutical industry is competitive.

6) Pharmaceutical imports contribute a significant portion of medicines consumption in this country. The Ministry recognizes the importance of trade facilitation and efforts has been made to minimise barriers and expedite registration processes without compromising quality, safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical products. At the same time, the industry must play a role in promoting ethical marketing while adhering to set guidelines and international standards. These elements are essential in strengthening regulatory framework and facilitating access to medicines. Moreover, a balanced and sustainable healthcare ecosystem comprising of relevant authorities, healthcare providers and suppliers are crucial for efficient

healthcare delivery while also promoting investment into the country for economic growth.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

7) I have been told that tonight's dinner theme is "Moving Ahead". This theme is absolutely fitting as we are in the final stretch before welcoming year 2020. It is imperative that all stakeholders reflect on the milestones achieved in the pharmaceutical sector so far. With many challenges ahead, there is still a fair amount of work to be done. Public-private partnership is one of the areas that the Ministry is currently exploring to improve healthcare delivery. Focus is geared towards optimizing integration between the public and the private sector. Therefore, it is vital that the Ministry and the industry continue to support and communicate with each other and work in tandem towards achieving the mutual objective of universal health coverage.

8)The continuous commitment and sincerity shown by MAPS in assisting the industry and relevant authorities' in such related matters is clearly recognised and highly appreciated. The NPRA thus wishes MAPS all the success for many years to come and looks forward to the continuous cooperation and collaborations with the association in the future.

9)On that note, I wish all of you an enjoyable evening...

Thank you.