



# MNA Bulletin

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## The Vision of Malaysian Nurses Association

*Our vision is to be the association of choice for all registered nurses in Malaysia in promoting and maintaining the honor, interest and advancement of nursing as a profession.*

## The Mission of Malaysian Nurses Association

*In line with our vision is to become the premier association of Malaysian nurses.*

## President's Message



**Dr. Dame Hj Ramziah Hj Ahmad**

This last few months has indeed been very hectic. Before we could blink our eyes, the first quarter of 2012 has come and gone. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Pahang Branch for successfully organizing and hosting the 62nd AGM as well as coming out with the first issue of the bulletin for the year. The committee has worked hard as a team to ensure the AGM was held without any problems. It is not easy to run such a big event. Pictures speak more than a thousand words. As you go through the pages, do reflect on what happened during the three days. Write to us your views in order for us to improve in the coming years.

We nurses are capable of doing many things in addition to our professional role as carers. We are good orators, organizers, singers and dancers. Some of us are even good writers and have published several books. However, there are still many nurses who are rather shy to display their talents. We need to guide these nurses to come out of their shells and show us what they can do. In MNA we do provide many platforms where nurses can contribute and show their expertise. This bulletin is a good example of a platform for novice writers. You can write to us and share any short stories or poems. If you are a good photographer, you can even send us pictures with captions for us to publish.



## Message from Editor

We the Pahang Branch members were taken aback when we were asked to write and publish this bulletin. We were just getting over after hosting the 62nd AGM and seminar from 30th March to 2nd April. It was indeed an honour for us when Kuantan was chosen as the venue for the AGM. From the date of the announcement regarding the venue for 2012 we were in the limelight till the end of the function. More than thousand delegates and observers from all over the country registered and attended. It

was such a challenge for the organising committee to coordinate the various events and to ensure everything ran smoothly. From the feedback received we had done well as host. My sincere appreciation to my team who had tirelessly worked to ensure the 62nd AGM was a memorable event. This bulletin carries the events in pictorial form. Do reflect and think of the happy time you had in our beloved state.

**Jamalah Alang Rais**

## Seminar and 62<sup>nd</sup> MNA AGM Preparing for the BIG event...

It is not an easy task to organise such a big event as the AGM. The President and her team from HQ were with us giving us support from the day we were told that Pahang is to be the host. Several discussions from the food tasting to the dos and don'ts were held between HQ and us.



## Preparing for the BIG day...

It was 30th March 2012. We were all anxious and wanted to ensure that preparations done were to the members' satisfaction. All of us worked hard as a team to ensure that everyone had a pleasant stay at the hotel and enjoyed the three day events.



## Day 1: Seminar "The Professional Image: Issues and Challenges"

On 31st March 2012, the members attended a seminar that was organised by HQ. We had speakers from our neighboring countries as well from our own country.

- Assoc. Prof Dr. Jintana Yunibhand (Thailand)
- Associate Prof. Edward Poon Wing Hong (Singapore)
- Ms. Doris Hung (Singapore)
- Ms. Kerinjeet Kaur (SJMC Branch)
- Matron Fu Choon Kee (Sarawak Branch),
- Puan Gan Mee Fun (Penang Branch),
- Dr. Sidiah anak John Siop (Sarawak Branch)
- Cik Hairhanisah Mod Yusof (Wilayah Branch)

All the presentations were excellent.



Prof Dr. Jintana, Thailand



Prof Edward Poon, Singapore



Matron Fu Choon Kee, Sarawak, Malaysia



Dr. Sidiah anak John Siop, Sarawak, Malaysia



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Cik Hairhanisah Md Yusof, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Assoc. Prof. Jeya, Puan Mariam, Assoc. Prof. Jintana, Dame Ramziah & Assoc. Prof. Edward.

The future is always beginning now. - Mark Strand

## Day 1: Dinner “1 Malaysia: Let Us Go Traditional”

A Gala Night was held on 31st March 2012 at The Zenith Hotel Ballroom. The event was graced by YBhg Dato’ Sri Dr. Hasan bin Abdul Rahman, Director General of Health Malaysia. Other VIPs included YH Dato Hjh Fathilah binti Hj. Abdul Wahab, Director of Nursing, Ministry of Health Malaysia and YBhg Dato Dr. Noraini binti Baba, Director of Health, Pahang. YBhg Dato’ Hasan gave a speech with full of meaning to the nurses. As he applauded the nurses for the good job they are doing, he also reminded the nurses to improve themselves professionally.



## Day 2: 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM

The 62nd AGM started with the presentation by the choir group from Hospital Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, Temerloh. The President then took over and chaired the day’s session after her speech. This was followed by a discussion on the speech delivered during the dinner by YBhg Dato Dr. Hasan. The honorary Secretary and the honorary treasurer presented their reports for endorsement by the delegates.



## Day 3: The Battle for the Top Post

Three charming ladies battled for the post of the President. A healthy competition and everyone looked forward to see who gets the highest votes in the three corner fight for the prestigious title. The aspiring Presidents, Pat Lim Chooi Ewe and Zaharah Saad stood against Dame Ramziah Ahmad. There can only be one winner. It was indeed a close fight. Dame Ramziah won and continues another term as President of MNA. The other two loyal MNA members shook hands with the President elect and wished her and the EXCO all the best for the next 2 years under her leadership. May MNA continue to grow in strength to face all the challenges of today and in the future. What we need is teamwork and strength in numbers to overcome any obstacles to the development of nursing.



## Day 4: End of the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM

Everything has to come to an end. Old friend met again and new friendships were formed. Everyone went home satisfied with the outcome. We, the Pahang Branch were finally able to pat ourselves for a job well done. Next year's AGM will be in Perak. Here is the baton, our friends. Best of luck!



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