



Welcome Letter for Malaysian Journal of Pharmacy new Editorial Board

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Malaysian Journal of Pharmacy (MJP) since its launch in 2001, upholds the essence of knowledge and experience dissemination of regional pharmaceutical related research and sciences. With Dr Yew Su Fong as the founding Editor in Chief, a few journal issues were published and in year 2008 the torch was passed on to the successor, Professor Dr Mohd Baidi Bahari. Under the helm of Prof Baidi, valuable research findings by respective hospitals in Malaysia were published, some disseminated in the form of conference proceeding and abstract. Gradually, *MJP* has become a keystone to showcase the research findings of fellow pharmacists especially in the hospital setting which provide publications that are both informative and impactful, highlighting matters that of high value to the profession. In recent years, the journal's management and structure grow and improve, along with its appointment of the journal's immediate past Editor in Chief, Associate Professor Dr Asrul Asrul Akmal Shafie that strengthened the workflow of the journal.

In term of operation, the way forward for *MJP* is to keep abreast with the latest trend and technology advancement. Web-based automated submission system, digital object identifier (DOI), citation tracking are the crucial features to be implemented to encourage article submission to *MJP*. Given a chance to lead *MJP*, we would like to take a moment to introduce the revamped structure of our editorial board. The newly assembled board comprises of registered pharmacist from different disciplines of pharmacy whom either a well cited researcher or highly experienced practising pharmacist. To name a few, Professor Habibah A Wahab, Dean of School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Professor Mohd Cairul Iqbal Mohd Amin, Deputy Director of Ministry of Higher of Education, Professor Wong Ting Wui and Associate Professor Dr Asrul Asrul Akmal Shafie who are among the high cited researchers in their research field. Advisors are included in the structure of our editorial board who are entrusted to advise the Board on strategic planning and progress of the journal. Advisors include Emeritus Professor Yuen Kah Hay and Emeritus, Professor Dr Paraidathathu Thomas, former Editor in Chief Professor Dr Mohd Baidi Bahari, international renown researcher Dr Sheng Qi and Associate Professor Alberto Berardi. This local and international advisory team is in the interest of transparency, good governance and render the decision-making process to independent scrutiny. Besides, the Board serves on the principle of autonomy and impartiality, to ensure the article published in this *MJP* is of high quality and non-bias. As far as the journal is concerned, the editorial board of *MJP* have the right to reject manuscript that is deemed not appropriate or unqualified without influence, fear, or favour.

MJP is a peer-reviewed publication with an aim to publish content covers all aspects of pharmacist in Malaysia and beyond. It solicits manuscripts across different areas as long as it brings benefit to the growth of pharmacy profession as a whole. The scope of the journal includes research performed clinically, community, lab-based, social administrative based, Pharmacy Education as well as industrial related. Relevant contents from academicians, pharmacy student (final year projects), pharmaceutical industrial research, as well as the mandatory research by provisionally registered pharmacy (PRP) are also welcome. Special Issue may also be considered for current hot topic. We envisage that *MJP* will serve as a platform to educate, motivate and help the author as well as readers to better serve as a pharmacist.