MALAYSIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL NOTICE

Medical Act 1971 Medical Regulations 2017

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE STATE OF SARAWAK UNDER SECTION 3A(1)(g) OF THE MEDICAL ACT 1971

An election to fill **one** (1) upcoming vacancy to represent the Registered Medical Practitioners in the State of Sarawak in the Malaysian Medical Council under section 3A(1)(g) of the Medical Act 1971 will be held on **29 June 2024**.

After scrutinising the objections made, to see whether they fulfil the grounds laid out under regulation 9(1) of the Medical Regulations 2017, it has been decided that the practitioners listed below are eligible to stand for the elections.

NO.	CANDIDATE	PRIMARY MEDICAL QUALIFICATION	DETAIL
1.	DR. SALLY SURIANI AHIP MMC FULL REG. NO: 41941	MBBS, UNIVERSITI MALAYA	<u>CV</u>
2.	DR. KALWINDER SINGH KHAIRA MMC FULL REG. NO: 35454	MBBS, MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, INDIA	<u>CV</u>

The **background of the candidates** can be accessed from the MMC's website **mmc.gov.my**.

Kindly note the following:

- i. Malaysians who are Registered Medical Practitioners (RMP's) having a 2024 APC up till 30 April 2024 (based on MMC's records), and list the State of Sarawak as their main place of practice, will be eligible to vote.
- ii. Ballot papers will be sent by **registered post** to eligible voters starting from the **third week of May 2024** to the **main place of practice address** listed in their APCs.

- iii. Voters should expect to receive their ballot papers latest by 27 May 2024.
- iv. Those who have not received their ballot papers after this date may request for a new ballot paper to be sent to them starting on **3 June 2024**, after submitting a **statutory declaration**, through email at **election@mmc.gov.my**. Please refer to the voting guidelines for details.
- v. However, many practitioners only list their employer/institution as the main place of practice in their APC without further details of their departments or clinics. As such, before applying for a new ballot paper, voters should first check with the administrative office of their respective employer/institution.
- vi. Voters may also request new ballot papers if it has been **lost or damaged**. Requests should again be included with a **statutory declaration**.
- vii. Voters should vote for **not more than ONE (1) candidate** to avoid from being disqualified. Please refer to the **voting guidelines** attached with the ballot paper.
- viii. Completed ballot papers should then be sent back to the Returning Officer using the self-addressed envelopes (ENVELOPE B) supplied in the manner prescribed in the voting guidelines straight away to the Post Malaysia mailbox near you.
- ix. Voters may also **send in their votes by hand** at the Malaysian Medical Council, Block C, 1st Floor (Counter), Jalan Cenderasari, 50590 Kuala Lumpur.
- x. All voters are reminded to send in their votes as early as possible to avoid from being disqualified. (Before 14 June 2024, to consider the transit period of delivery of envelope B from the State of Sarawak to the MMC PO Box at the Post Malaysia Office in Kuala Lumpur, which at least takes two (2) weeks)
- xi. Ballot papers should reach the Malaysian Medical Council and MMC PO Box **not later than 4.00 p.m. on 28 June 2024**.
- xii. Vote counting will be held at the Malaysian Medical Council, Block C, Jalan Cenderasari, 50590 Kuala Lumpur on **29 June 2024**.

Any queries may be directed to the following officers through email at **election@mmc.gov.my**:

- a. Dr. Mohamed Anas bin Mohamed Hussain.
- b. Fatim Nasuha binti Badaruddin.

DATUK DR. MUHAMMAD RADZI BIN ABU HASSAN

Returning Officer
Malaysian Medical Council
14 May 2024

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VOTING GUIDELINES

(Based on Provisions under the Medical Regulations 2017)

- 1. Congratulations for taking part in the election for Council member in the state of Sarawak. Your eligibility to vote is based on the following:
 - a. You are a citizen of Malaysia.
 - b. You are Fully Registered with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC).
 - c. You are in possession of a 2024 Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) based on MMC's records up till 30th April 2024.
 - d. The main place of practice stated in your 2024 APC is in the state of Sarawak based on MMC's records up till 30th April 2024.
- 2. Ballot papers will be sent by **registered post** to you, as an eligible voter, starting from **the third week of May 2024** to the main place of practice address listed in your APC.
- 3. The registered letter will contain the following:
 - a. 1 Voting guideline;
 - b. 1 Ballot paper;
 - c. 1 Envelope "A"; and
 - d. 1 Envelope "B".

(Note: Please make sure, the envelope has statement "PEMILIHAN AHLI MPM 2024")

- 4. You should expect to receive your ballot paper and accompanying envelopes by **27th May 2024.**
- 5. Request for new ballot paper and envelopes:
 - a. You may request a new ballot paper and accompanying envelopes in the following situations:
 - i. You have not received the ballot paper and envelopes by 3rd June 2024.
 - ii. You have lost the ballot paper and envelopes.
 - iii. Your ballot paper and envelopes have been inadvertently damaged.
 - b. However, in the case of non-receipt of ballot papers:
 - It should be noted that many practitioners list their employer/institution as their main place of practice in their APC without further details of their departments or clinics
 - ii. This may cause difficulties or delays in the distribution of the ballot papers that are received at the administrative office of your employer/institution to you.
 - iii. As such, it is advisable to first check with the administrative office of your respective employer/institution to see whether your ballot paper is there.
 - c. Requests shall be addressed to the Returning Officer, Malaysian Medical Council and **must include a statutory declaration** stating the reason for the request.
 - i. In case your main place of practice is listed as your employer or institution, you should also state in the statutory declaration that you have checked with the concerned administrative office without success.

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- d. Your request can be sent through the following:
 - i. By email at election@mmc.gov.my and include the statutory declaration as an attachment; **OR**
 - ii. By hand at the Malaysian Medical Council, Block C, 1st Floor (Counter), Jalan Cenderasari, 50590 Kuala Lumpur.
- e. You are also advised to send in your request as early as possible so that the new ballot paper and envelopes can be sent to you in a timely manner.

6. Method of Voting:

a. Step 1: Ballot Paper

- i. Votes are made by marking "X" only in the space provided opposite the name of the candidate you wish to vote for.
- ii. Since there will be only **one (1) vacancy**, you should vote for **1 candidate ONLY** to avoid from being disqualified.
- iii. The list of candidates with their photographs and background can be accessed through the MMC's website at www.mmc.gov.my.

b. Step 2: Envelope A

- i. Fold the completed ballot paper and insert it into Envelope A.
- ii. Voting should be in the presence of a witness. The witness can be any one from these categories:
 - Fully registered medical practitioner
 - Justice of the Peace
 - An officer in the managerial and professional group of the public service;
 - An advocate/solicitor.
- iii. As a voter you must write your name, full registration number, IC number and signature in the spaces provided.
- iv. The witness then writes his name and countersigns in the spaces provided.
- v. Close and **seal Envelope A** securely.

c. Step 3: Envelope B

- i. **Envelope B** is a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Returning Officer of MMC.
- ii. Insert the completed **Envelope A** (which now contains the ballot paper) into **Envelope B**.
- iii. Close and seal Envelope B securely.

d. Step 4: Forwarding the Completed Envelope B to the MMC

- i. **Envelope B** is already stamped and addressed to the Returning Officer of MMC and can be posted straight away.
- ii. DO NOT put Envelope B into any other envelope.
- iii. Alternatively, you may also **send it in by hand** to the Malaysian Medical Council, Block C, 1st Floor (Counter), Jalan Cenderasari, 50590 Kuala Lumpur.

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- iv. Your vote should reach the MMC not later than 4.00 p.m. on 28th June 2024.
- v. You are advised to send in your votes as early as possible to avoid from being disqualified. (Before 14th June 2024, to consider the transit period of delivery of envelope B from the State of Sarawak to the MMC PO Box at the Post Malaysia Office in Kuala Lumpur, which at least takes two (2) weeks)

7. Grounds for rejection of ballot paper:

Voters should be aware that under regulation 18(1) of the Medical Regulations 2017, the Returning Officer shall reject the ballot paper for the following grounds:

- a. The ballot paper is incompletely filled;
- b. The ballot paper is received after the closing date and time of election;
- c. The ballot paper is not the ballot paper issued by the Returning Officer;
- d. More votes are given than there are candidates to be returned;
- e. The ballot paper does not clearly indicate the intention of the voters; or
- f. The ballot paper is filled in by a fully registered medical practitioner who is disqualified from voting.
- 8. You are invited to peruse the list of candidates with their photographs and background at the MMC's website (mmc.gov.my).

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Thank you.

(This version: 7 May 2024)