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### PRESS RELEASE by the Malaysian Dental Association

On behalf of the Malaysian Dental Association, it gives me great pleasure to announce the conferment of the prestigious Honorary Fellowship of International College of Dentists to our Honorable Minister of Health Malaysia, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Liow Tiong Lai by the governing board of the International College of Dentists in USA in March 2010 recently.

Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Liow Tiong Lai was nominated by the Regent of International College of Dentists for Malaysia Section, Yg Bhg Dato Dr Yim Khai Kee and seconded by the President of the Malaysian Dental Association, Dr Lee Soon Boon. The Honorary Fellowship nomination was supported by five current fellow of International College of Dentists of good standing and was submitted to ICD governing body in USA in February 2010 recently.

The International College of Dentists governing body in USA approved the conferment of the Honorary Fellowship upon Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Liow Tiong Lai for his esteemed and conspicuous service rendered to the cause of dental science and his immense contribution to the promotion of the dental profession in Malaysia.

The Malaysian Dental Association is very pleased that Yang Berhormat's persistent support to the dental profession and community oral health has been duly recognized by a leading international organization such as the International College of Dentists, headquartered in USA.

We wish to convey our heartiest congratulations to Yang Berhormat on the honorary conferment and express our sincere appreciation for his leadership rendered to dentistry in our beloved nation.

### Background information on International College of Dentists ( [www.icd.org](http://www.icd.org) )

The International College of Dentists (ICD) is a leading honorary international dental organisation dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of mankind.

The membership of the College is limited by design. The College membership currently totals around 11,000 worldwide, with only 147 ICD Fellows in Malaysia from over 4,000 registered dental professionals in the country.

The ICD is highly respected throughout the world as guardians of the dignity and quality ethical standards in dental profession.

Among the 9 principal objectives of ICD are

1. To advance the art and science of dentistry for the health and welfare of the public internationally
2. To encourage post graduate study and research in the field of dental science and cognate subjects
3. To endeavour to bring together outstanding members of the dental profession if the world for the purpose of fostering the growth and diffusion of dental knowledge and to encourage an exchange of goodwill among members of the profession.

4. To cultivate and foster cordial relations among those engaged in the profession of dentistry and other health professions
5. To cooperate with dentists and various organizations for the prevention and control of oral disorders
6. To preserve and elevate the dignity of the profession by enjoining all members to maintain the highest ethical standards and professional conduct.
7. To perpetuate the history of dentistry
8. To recognize conspicuous service to the profession and provide a method of granting Fellowship in the College
9. To encourage and support projects of a humanitarian nature.

Malaysia is in the ICD International Section XX Region 33 and the REGENT is Yg Bhg Dato Dr Yim Khai Kee. The activities carried out included;

**To bring together outstanding members of the profession**

The ICD brings together members of the profession through regular local meetings of the fellows, arranging exchanges of students from around the world and recognizing meritorious service on the part of dentists.

**To cultivate humanitarian efforts**

Providing free dental care and making some donations to the people in the camps under the name of the ICD organization. Dental missions to underserved areas in the world under the name of the ICD and organizing humanitarian projects were among the chief activities of the ICD

**To advance the art and science of dentistry**

The ICD is working with King's College, London to promote the International Virtual Dental School IVIDENT with the aim of providing some dental courses through an online environment. The benefit is that specialist and advanced dental education and leading research can eventually be brought to dentists in remote areas where experts are not available for continuing education.

**Improve the welfare of the public internationally**

ICD helps to develop practical skills for dentists in designing programs for their populations. The organization has also worked to increase fluoridation and promoting oral health education in developing countries with high decay rates.

MAP of ICD Sections and Regions



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