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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1st February 1995

Dear Colleagues

It is with great pleasure, I write this message for Volume 15 No. 1 of the Dental Journal of Malaysia. This issue together with Volume 15 No. 2 which is being published brings the Journal up to date. Volume 6 is being ably edited by Dr. Ng Kok Han and his editorial committee and is expected to be published according to schedule.

This issue contains a mix of research papers and papers presented at the 16th Asian Pacific Dental Congress. My apologies for the delay in the publication due to technical problems.

I would like to place on record our sincere appreciation to Colgate Palmolive (M) Sdn. Bhd. for sponsoring the publication of the Dental Journal of Malaysia.

It is our fervent hope that the contents of this issue will benefit the research teaching and practising dental surgeons in Malaysia and the rest of the world.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Low Teong
President
Malaysian Dental Association



President Dr. Low Teong pinning the Honorary member lapel pin on YB Dato Dr. Sulaiman Daud.



The main table during the Golden Anniversary Charity Evening.



Dr. Low Teong and Dr. R. T. Arasu launching the Association Code of Ethics book.



Dr. Chia Ah Chik, Chairman of Southern Zone presenting speaker Professor Chew Chong Lin with a memento.



The Opening Ceremony of the FDI/MDA/SDA Joint Convention.



The MDA Delegation at the General Assembly of the FDI Meeting in Vancouver.

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