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MPS CALLS FOR PHARMACY TO BE AT THE HEART OF MALAYSIA'S HEALTHCARE FUTURE AT NATIONAL PHARMACISTS CONVENTION 2026

Putrajaya, 24 July 2026 — The Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS) officially opened the National Pharmacists Convention (NPC) 2026, welcoming more than 700 delegates, including pharmacists, healthcare professionals, policymakers, academicians, researchers and industry leaders from Malaysia and abroad under the theme "Think Health, Think Pharmacy."

The opening ceremony was officiated by Yang Berbahagia Datuk Dr. Mahathar bin Abd Wahab, Director-General of Health Malaysia, representing the Minister of Health Malaysia.

In his officiating address, Datuk Dr. Mahathar underscored the evolving role of pharmacists as trusted healthcare professionals who contribute far beyond dispensing medicines. He highlighted the profession's vital role in medication safety, patient care and multidisciplinary healthcare delivery, while emphasising that pharmacists will be instrumental in driving the adoption of emerging innovations such as artificial intelligence, digital health and pharmacogenomics.

He noted that while healthcare continues to advance rapidly, innovation must always remain patient-centred, ensuring healthcare services are safe, ethical, accessible and affordable. He also stressed that technology should complement—not replace—the professional judgement, empathy and compassion of healthcare professionals.

Datuk Dr. Mahathar further called for greater collaboration across healthcare disciplines and sectors to build a resilient, sustainable and future-ready healthcare system capable of addressing rising healthcare costs, population ageing, antimicrobial resistance and medicine supply challenges.

In his opening address, MPS President Hon. Prof. Amrahi Buang FMPS emphasised that

pharmacy must remain an integral part of Malaysia's healthcare system as the nation strengthens medicine safety, chronic disease management, preventive healthcare, digital health and sustainable healthcare delivery.

The convention theme, "Think Health, Think Pharmacy," is derived from the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)'s global campaign, reinforcing the importance of pharmacists and pharmacies as accessible and essential partners in improving health outcomes.

Prof. Amrahi said the theme reflects the need for pharmacists to be recognised as integral members of multidisciplinary healthcare teams, working alongside doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals to deliver safe, effective and patient-centred care.

He reaffirmed MPS' commitment to working closely with the Ministry of Health Malaysia, the Pharmaceutical Services Programme and strategic partners to strengthen pharmacy practice, uphold professional excellence and support Malaysia's national health agenda.

The President also expressed his appreciation to the NPC 2026 Organising Chairperson, Prof. Ts. Dr. Mai Chun Wai, the organising committee, MPS Council, Secretariat, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, partner organisations and delegates for contributing to the success of the convention.

Looking ahead, Prof. Amrahi announced that Malaysia will host the 85th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences from 12–15 September 2027 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, providing an opportunity to showcase Malaysia's pharmacy profession and strengthen international collaboration.

The National Pharmacists Convention is MPS' flagship annual scientific meeting, providing a platform for professional development, knowledge exchange and collaboration to advance pharmacy practice and improve healthcare outcomes. NPC 2026 features scientific sessions and discussions on key areas including artificial intelligence, digital health, pharmacogenomics, medicine safety and the future of pharmacy practice.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Prof. Amrahi Buang FMPS
President
Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS)

ABOUT US

Founded in 1967, the Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS) is the national professional body representing pharmacists across all sectors—community, hospital, industry, academia, and regulatory. As the official voice of the profession, MPS is dedicated to promoting and safeguarding the honour, integrity, and collective interests of pharmacists in Malaysia.

Guided by the motto “Berkhidmat Untuk Kesihatan Rakyat” (“Service Towards a Healthy Society”), MPS strives to uphold the highest standards of ethics, professionalism, and competency within the pharmacy field. The Society believes that a strong and united profession is essential to improving health outcomes nationwide.

The Society’s core objectives include:
• Promoting and maintaining the honour and interest of the pharmacy profession;
• Upholding professional standards, ethics, and pharmaceutical education;
• Supporting digitalisation, innovation, research, and dissemination of knowledge;
• Advancing public health and health system development;
• Fostering intra-professional relationships and external collaborations;
• Representing the profession in policymaking and strategic dialogue;
• Managing resources responsibly to support its mission.

MPS is entrusted by the Pharmacy Board Malaysia to manage the national Continuing Professional Development (CPD) portal for pharmacists in the private sector, operating since 2004. In addition to maintaining the CPD platform, MPS organises training, seminars, and certification programmes throughout the year to support continuous learning and practice excellence.

The Society maintains a strong presence in public policy through representation on statutory bodies such as the Pharmacy Board and Poisons Board, and regularly contributes to consumer health discussions with the Ministry of Domestic Trade and relevant NGOs. It also endorses the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists and promotes good governance and professional accountability through its Chapters and Committees.

Internationally, MPS is affiliated with the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA), the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations (FAPA), and the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). Locally, it is a member of the Malaysian Professional Centre (Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia), under the patronage of the Prime Minister.

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