

REPORT

MMA CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Symposium

By Dr Tan Yia Swam

The Malaysian Medical Council recently organised the MMA National CPD Symposium in Grand Seasons Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 29 March 2009. I had the honour of being the SMA Council representative, as an invited guest speaker.

The objectives of holding this symposium were to determine the status of CPD in Malaysia, and to hear from countries with an existing CME/CPD programme, such as Indonesia, Thailand, and Singapore. Of note, Singapore is the only ASEAN country where CME is compulsory, as failure to meet the requirement would mean that a doctor will not be able to renew his practicing certificate.

We started off by sharing the experiences in our respective countries, followed by speakers from Malaysia's various professional bodies who gave their input on how their organisations implement CPD. A press conference was held, officiated by



(L-R): Dato' Dr Zaki Morad, Dr Tan Yia Swam, Prof Marsis, Prof Aurchat and Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin



Dr Yap Chung Mui and Dr Tan Yia Swam



(L-R): Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin, Dato' Dr Khoo Kah Lin, Dr Tan Yia Swam and Dr Teng Seng Chong.

Dato' Dr Khoo Kah Lin with Dr Teng Seng Chong, Deputy Director of the Medical Development Division, MOH. We then broke for lunch, during which several companies introduced their software to facilitate online learning and enhance CPD for medical professionals. The meeting ended with further talks by the CPD Chairmen of

some of the states, and a meeting of the MMA CPD committee.

As always, I enjoy these conferences where I get to meet members from fellow medical associations, and broaden my mind as we discuss medical issues on a national and regional basis. We wish the MMA success in the implementation of future CPD programmes. **SMA**