AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 17
RUANGAN : NEGARA

DR. MUHAMMAD (dua dari kiri) menggaul yee sang sempena simbolik perasmian Majlis Sambutan Deepavali tahun 2022 bersama Tahun Baharu Cina 2023 di HPSF semalam.

HPSF sedia derma bekalan darah

MUAR – Hospital Pakar Sultanah Fatimah (HPSF) Muar sedia menyumbangkan bekalan darah kepada mana-mana hospital memerlukan bagi usaha meningkatkan mutu rawatan kepada pesakit di negara ini.

Pengarahnya, Dr. Muhammad Yusof Sibert berkata, HPSF tidak mengalami isu kekurangan bekalan darah berikutan tahap kesedaran penderma yang peka dengan janji temu diberikan.

"Di HPSF terdapat lebih 100 penderma tetap yang sentiasa mematuhi tarikh janji temu apabila hadir menderma pada setiap tiga bulan sekali.

"Kita bersyukur kerana daripada fasa pandemik lagi, bekalan darah sentiasa mencukupi, malah HPSF juga menyumbang bekalan ini kepada sebuah hospital di Sabah kerana isu kekurangan darah kritikal di seluruh negara ketika itu," katanya.

Beliau ditemui sempena Majlis Sambutan Deepavali tahun 2022 bersama Tahun Baru Cina 2023–Deepa-Kong Xi di HPSF di sini semalam.

Menurut Dr. Muhammad, Unit Transfusi Darah HPSF juga sentiasa memainkan peranan dengan mengadakan hebahan serta promosi khususnya kepada kumpulan penderma baharu.

"Sehingga kini, seramai lebih kurang 65 peratus penderma tetap adalah mereka yang berusia 45 tahun ke atas, manakala selebihnya ialah golongan muda berusia lingkungan 20-an.

"Kita tidak boleh berasa terlalu selesa kerana golongan muda yang merupakan penderma tetap ini masih lagi rendah, dan justeru kaedah yang dilakukan adalah sentiasa mendekatkan diri dengan mereka iaitu mengingatkan tarikh janji temu seterusnya," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 6
RUANGAN : NEGARA

Perlu koordinasi atasi isu hijrah doktor muda

KOORDINASI perlu antara pihak berkepentingan bagi mengelakkan lebih ramai doktor muda berhijrah. – GAMBAR HIASAN

DR. HAZLI

PETALING JAYA – Tiada koordinasi antara kementerian berkaitan, antara faktor doktor-doktor muda mengintai peluang ke luar negara.

Pakar Psikiatri yang juga pengasas dan Pengerusi Alaminda Healthcare Berhad, Dr. Hazli Zakaria, berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) sering dipersalahkan tanpa melihat secara keseluruhan.

"Isu ini dah lama, sebabnya tak ada koordinasi antara kementerian. Jumlah doktor kontrak ramai, tetapi pada masa sama negara masih mengalami masalah kekurangan tenaga seperti di hospital awam atau klinik kesihatan.

"Jadi, kembali ke sistem Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) yang sepatutnya menyediakan jawatan berdasarkan jumlah doktor yang dihasilkan setiap tahun.

"Tapi sebelum sediakan jawatan, Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi kena tahu berapa jumlah doktor yang mereka hasilkan dari universiti-universiti tempatan, luar negara dan lain-lain, setiap tahun dan di sini antara koordinasi dan perbincangan diperlukan.

"Berapa tempat yang ada untuk graduan-graduan ini menjalani latihan juga perlu diberi perhatian tambahan, tempoh latihan sebagai *houseman* kini selama dua tahun," katanya.

Menurut Dr. Haszli, kemahiran pekerja perubatan juga perlu dipelbagaikan kerana secara tidak langsung membolehkan kerjaya golongan itu berkembang.

"Selain peluang kepakaran, wujudkan juga peluang untuk mereka menambah kemahiran. Apabila bertambah dan kemahiran itu digunakan, berikan mereka ganjaran sewajarnya.

"Jika sesuatu projek baharu dalam kementerian diwujudkan, jumlah staf perubatan juga perlu ditambah, bukan 'pinjam' sana sini sebab nak jimatkan kos.

"Keadaan itulah yang menyebabkan bebanan kerja mereka bertambah, sekali gus menjadikan mereka stres.

"Kembali kepada perancangan dan setiap pembaharuan yang dibuat, memang perlu penambahan bajet," jelasnya.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 8
RUANGAN : NEWS / NATION

RECOGNITION OF ROLE

HISTORIC FIRST: ZALIHA HEADS WHO MEETING

Minister gets rare honour of chairing 152nd session of global health body's executive board

KUALA LUMPUR

DR ZALIHA Mustafa became the first Malaysian Health Minister to be honoured to chair the 152nd Session of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, from Jan 30 to Feb 7.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the honour was the first in the country's history and throughout his 10 years of involvement with WHO.

Dr Zaliha Mustafa

Dr Noor Hisham said Dr Zaliha was honoured to chair the meeting after being appointed as the vice-chairman of the WHO Executive Board, representing the Western Pacific region for 2023-2024. He said it was the first time in the country's history that its health minister had the honour to chair the WHO Executive Board Meeting on poliomyelitis eradication, polio transition planning and polio post-certification.

"This is one of the main achievements of Dr Zaliha who is on her first official visit abroad since being appointed as health minister," he tweeted.

The WHO Executive Board meeting is a regular meeting attended by health ministers, directors-general and experts in the field of health. It is a platform to discuss commitments, policies, programme implementation status and the direction of the health sector that has been agreed upon by consensus under the organisation. **Bernama**

PANDEMIC RESPONSE

'Beef up collaboration to plug severe gaps in managing health emergencies'

KUALA LUMPUR: Healthcare needs strong cooperation and collaboration to address the "severe gaps" in managing health emergencies across nations, as evident during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah stressed this yesterday when thanking World Health Organisation (WHO) director-general Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus for the report of the first meeting of the standing committee on pandemic response.

Dr Noor Hisham was appointed chair of the new WHO Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (SCHEPPR) last year. The committee met virtually on Dec 12, 2022.

He was tasked with heading the team for a term of between one and two years, which would meet at least twice annually, besides convening extraordinary meetings for urgent matters if necessary.

As chair of the standing committee, Dr Noor Hisham said Malaysia was committed to working closely with the vice-chair, Prof Jérôme Salomon of France, and committee members.

The WHO's 34-member executive board, during its annual meeting last May, agreed to establish SCHEPPR to help speed up its response to global health emergencies like Covid-19, following criticism of it being slow in responding to the coronavirus outbreak.

"I am pleased that the committee accomplished all the objectives of the first meeting. We also extensively discussed the terms of reference and membership terms at the meeting.

"Most importantly, we emphasised that the work of this standing committee should be complementary to avoid duplication with other relevant processes.

"Ultimately, we need strong cooperation and collaboration to address the severe gaps in managing health emergencies.

"We wish to commend the members of the standing committee for a united and coherent approach in executing the task mandated to us," he said in a statement yesterday.

Malaysia's Health Ministry also joined other WHO member states in fully concurring with the chair's proposal to select Option 1 in moving forward in the health agenda.

Option 1 dictates that the executive board may wish to extend the two-year terms of the three members of the standing committee, whose terms would otherwise expire in December 2024, until the closure of the 78th World Health Assembly in May 2025.

The terms of the other nine appointed standing committee members will automatically expire when they cease to be members of the board in May 2023 (two members) and in May 2024 (seven members).

The board may also wish to extend the one-year terms of the first/current chair and vice-chair, which would otherwise expire on Dec 4, 2023, until the closure of the 77th World Health Assembly in May 2024.

Dr Noor Hisham said this meant that between May 2024 and 2025 a non-executive board member could continue to lead the standing committee.

"It was a unanimous decision of the executive board to endorse and approve the chair (Malaysia) and members of the standing committee.

"Our (the standing committee's) job is to advise Tedros and WHO on matters related to health emergencies based on International Health Regulatory and Intergovernmental Negotiating Body reports," he added.

According to the terms of reference, the standing committee shall provide guidance to the WHO executive board and advice to the WHO director-general on health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, and immediate capacities of the WHO Emergencies Programme, in the event a public health emergency of international concern is determined.