



Press Release

The Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine (PUGSOM) is the first medical school to offer graduate-entry medical education in Malaysia. PUGSOM began a collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHUSOM) to develop a US-based four-year Doctor of Medicine (MD) program in 2011.

The three US based faculty left on 31st July 2014. Since the 1st of August 2014, PUGSOM is now independently implementing this programme by leveraging on the experience garnered from the previous collaboration and the current world-class local and visiting faculty.

PUGSOM maintains its vision to become a centre of medical education, research and service excellence. To ensure the realisation of this vision and to fulfil its commitment and responsibility to its students, the Vice Chancellor has appointed an internationally-recognised national leader in medical and occupational education, Prof Dr Krishna Gopal Rampal as Dean of PUGSOM. Prof Rampal, a Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health alumnus is supported by Vice-Dean of Education, Assistant Prof Datin Dr Juriah Abdullah supported by eminent resident and adjunct faculty. The current leadership of PUGSOM is made up faculty appointed during Johns Hopkins tenure.

To ensure the seamless transition in the delivery of the curriculum, Perdana University has also contracted US-trained and -based faculty including several who taught in previous years. Visiting faculty include those from the Baltimore based Kennedy Krieger Institute, Yale University, University of Pennsylvania and several other renowned US institutions. These visiting faculty will also deliver the lectures previously delivered by the three Johns Hopkins faculty who departed in July 2014

Students in the class of 2017 are currently involved in their individual research projects, where five of them have just returned from JHUSOM after their research attachment. All students in this class will commence their second year on the 17th of September 2014. Students in the Class of 2015 and 2016 are currently involved in their core clinical clerkships, advanced clerkships, minor postings or electives in Hospital Kuala Lumpur. In addition, seven students in the Class of 2015 are currently in the United States pursuing their advanced clerkships or minor postings. They will return at the end of October to continue their clerkships.

The curriculum in use is that which has been approved by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), the Ministry of Education and as specified by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC). The MMC/MQA Accreditation Panel pays regular visits for monitoring the delivery of the program. Perdana University would like to thank the Government of Malaysia and the relevant agencies for their continuous support.

The management has institutionalised a number of committees that meet regularly to ensure the smooth delivery of the curriculum. To allay and address students' concerns, dialogue sessions between the students and the leadership at Perdana University and PUGSOM are held regularly.

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