WELCOME MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the combined meeting of 5th Asean Society of Colorectal Surgeons (ASCS) Scientific Congress and the annual Malaysian Colorectal Conference (Coloproctology 2010).

Scientific knowledge in the world of colorectal surgery continues to evolve at a rapid phase together with constant development of new techniques such as in minimally invasive surgery and more recently robotic colorectal surgery. We have invited a highly distinguished faculty of speakers to provide us with an update in the field of colorectal surgery and the topics chosen also reflect common diseases and challenges that we come across in our daily practice.

The previous ASCS meetings were extremely well organised with an excellent scientific programme and we promise to continue that trend which will favour both the experienced surgeon and trainees alike. A one-day workshop featuring live demonstration on laparoscopic and complex ano-rectal pathology has been scheduled prior to the scientific meeting which will certainly help enrich our skills.

I would like to thank all the invited speakers for taking valuable time off of their hectic schedule in agreeing to deliver their scheduled lectures. I would also like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Organising Committee for all their hard work and commitment in organising the meeting in what should culminate as another highlight for the Malaysian Society of Colorectal Surgeons list of events in 2010.

The industry should not be forgotten for their valuable assistance in ensuring the continuing success of our annual scientific meeting and the ASCS Congress. We have a lively social programme as well to cater for everyone attending the meeting which will provide the best opportunities for our faculty, participants and their families to relax and interact in our vibrant and culturally rich city, Kuala Lumpur. The meeting should also provide us with the necessary platform to discuss future collaborations together especially in engaging all our Asean member countries to participate at a greater level in the near future.

We certainly look forward to seeing all of you in March 2010 in Kuala Lumpur.

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