

EDITORIAL

This special edition on Public Health Issues is selected from the Scientific Research Conference which is organised annually by the Department of Community and Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sabah. The conference, in its fourth iteration, aims to assemble budding researchers and senior academicians and provide an avenue by which scientific research projects on health and medical sciences were presented and shared among the academic community. The conference is a platform for junior researchers to enhance their networking and build up a commendable reputation in the academia. The target participants are undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Universiti Malaysia Sabah and also open to other academia and researchers in Malaysia.

The conference is an initiative by the faculty to provide a platform for the presentation of scientific research projects on health and medical sciences, to collect and disseminate knowledge of scientific research projects on health and medical sciences, to cultivate an academic community who are highly motivated, knowledge-hungry, and ethically sound, and to improve collaborative efforts on scientific research projects among various institutions of health and medical sciences.

The conference covered a range of research topics within health and medical sciences through oral and poster presentations. It provides an opportunity for researchers and clinicians to showcase new research findings and gain new knowledge in this rapidly evolving field through presentations and discussions. The

conference also provides a means to network and develop collaborations with other researchers and clinicians.

It is our university's vision to impart high quality education to local and global community of students and scholars in the field of medical and health related issues.