Preface

For 50 years, the Malaysian Orthopaedic Association (MOA) has worked tirelessly in bringing up the standards and practice of Orthopaedic Surgery in Malaysia. Beginning with a team of nine, the year 1967 brought about a realisation among a few colleagues in Orthopaedic Surgery of the need to provide a platform to spread and promote education and support the budding Orthopaedic fraternity in Malaysia.

This year, we celebrate and appreciate the efforts of those founding members and the following councils in maintaining integrity and nobility in the profession of Orthopaedic Surgery. With 50 years of Orthopaedics under its belt, it is MOA's goal to continue inspiring excellence in the profession.

MOA has developed the Orthopaedic field in Malaysia into much more than just an all-encompassing trade. The field currently comprises of a total of eleven subspecialties, while six institutions of higher learning have developed National Masters Programmes in Orthopaedics.

These achievements, along with reflections of the early days of MOA and the people instrumental in the rise of the association are documented in this Commemorative Book.

Each contributor to this book has played an integral role in the field they have written on and provide insights into the very foundation of the various subspecialties and elements that make up the Orthopaedic fraternity. I hope you, the reader, are able to gain a perspective on our profession that goes beyond that of a patient and dives into the very humanity of the work we do. As Orthopaedic Surgeons, we help people regain movement and mobility, and thus their quality of life.

This book reflects an important fact, that we are ordinary people who have been given the opportunity to do something extraordinary. This truly is our history, and we hope that it will stand the test of time, inspiring generations ahead of us to uphold the profession and keep the dream alive.
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