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If the readers can remember, in the 2006 No. 1 issue of the MDJ, you were informed of our efforts to gain international exposure. One of the approaches was by signing a non-exclusive agreement with EBSCO Publishing that year to sell our content to international libraries and institutions. I am glad to inform you that we had been successful in fulfilling our contract of providing EBSCO Publishing of providing them the latest content to 3 years (2005-2007) of the MDJ by the publication of this July-December 2007 issue.

In addition to that, I have been in contact with Scopus International, a subsidiary of Elsevier Publishing for possible evaluation to index the MDJ in the Index Medicus. I have sent in a formal application to Ms. Raja Leijting, the person in charge of Source Acquisition, Elsevier Bibliographic databases in Amsterdam, the Netherlands sometime in March 2007. As there is a change of guards that the MDA and MDJ level whereby Dr. Seow Liang Lin has taken over the task of the Honorary Publication Secretary as well as the Editor of the MDJ, she will now continue this effort of getting the MDJ indexed.

I am glad to inform the readers that the editorial office has been approached by the National Library of Congress of the United States of America through their representative office here in Kuala Lumpur to acquire copies of the MDJ. So far we have provided them some back issues of the MDJ and the editorial office plans to continue doing so in the future. We hope, with this mutual cooperation, this will be another way for the MDJ to gain more international exposure.

Lastly, may I congratulate Dr. Seow Liang Lin who will take over the helm of the Editor of this beloved journal. You will see her editorial in the next issue of the MDJ and I am sure she will have some surprises lining up for you. Happy reading.

Thank you.

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