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### PRESS RELEASE

The training of Cardiothoracic Surgeons in Malaysia took a giant leap forward with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK, the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, and the Joint Committee of Specialist Training of Singapore, establishing a Quadripartite Exit Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery involving the four parties.

The MOU was signed on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Hong Kong by Professor Michael Lavelle-Jones (President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh), Professor Dato' Dr Hanafiah Harunarashid (President of the College of Surgeons of Malaysia), Professor Dr Paul Lai (President of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong), and Professor Dr Raja Amin Raja Mokhtar (President of the Malaysian Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery). It had also been signed by Dr S Sayampanathan and Associate Professor Chen Fun Gee (Co-Chairmen of the Joint Committee of Specialist Training of Singapore). The signing ceremony was witnessed by Professor Dr John Chan Kok Meng (Honorary Secretary of the Malaysian Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and the Malaysian Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery), Professor Malcolm Underwood (Chairman of the Cardiothoracic Examination Board of Hong Kong), and Mr Timothy Graham (Head of Professional Standards of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh).

This new Quadripartite Exit Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery is a key part of the National Cardiothoracic Training Programme which started in July 2016 with its first intake of four Training Fellows. A total of 13 Training Fellows have now been appointed with the aim of appointing 24 Training Fellows by 2021. The six-year structured training programme in five national training centres is quality assured by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Training fellows will take the Quadripartite Exit Examination at the end of their specialist training and will be awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Cardiothoracic Surgery (FRCS Ed Cardiothoracic) on successfully passing the examinations. A Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) will also be awarded by the Malaysian Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery on successfully completing the training programme.

Professor Dr Hanafiah, the President of College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia quoted, "This is a significant milestone in the history of surgery and I wish to thank and congratulate all parties that has contributed to this endeavour. I am certain that it will be a catalyst for future advancement in surgical training, not just for cardiac surgery, but for other surgical specialties in Malaysia as well".



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