

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Distinguished Guests, Speakers, and Delegates,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to **The Picaso Robotic and MIS Exchange 2025 (PROMISE)**. For the first time this year, the meeting will spread over 3 days covering General Surgery, Urology and Gynaecology and will consist of didactic lectures on technique and tips and experience exchange as well as interactive live surgery demonstration from our operating theatres.

Surgery has seen a massive transformation in recent decades with the advent of minimally invasive techniques which have brought about new benefits for the patients. At the same time, technology has also progressed to help surgeons deliver these benefits more consistently to more and more patients. The frontier in surgery continues to be pushed forward by surgeons demonstrating the feasibility and safety of new techniques in increasingly more and more complex scenarios and this is most evident in urological surgery such as nephron-sparing surgery and urological reconstruction yielding better and better functional outcome beyond disease cure. As the science of surgery develops, a new kind of art in surgery is born and this meeting represents a unique opportunity for surgeons to utilise the science and develop their art form in the operating room. The latest gadgets technology can offer will also be on display for the delegates to play and acquaint with. As surgeons learn and share from one another, a new fellowship is fostered and the community of minimally invasive surgeons will grow, ultimately to the benefits of all patients.

As organising chairman, I am very grateful for some of the most eminent minimally invasive and robotic surgeons far and near who have availed their precious time to come and share their experience and skill. I am also very grateful for the role and support the medical technology and pharmaceutical industry play to help make this meeting possible. I thank the College of Surgeons of Malaysia through its Chapter of Minimally Invasive Surgery, the Malaysian Urological Association and Urology Unit, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) for their roles as co-hosts for the meeting. Finally, I am grateful to Hospital Picaso for providing the facility, human resource and financial assistance to make such a complex meeting possible. I thank all the delegates from participating and wish you all a happy, fruitful and memorable meeting.

