

Press Release

National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, the pre-eminent institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, for promotion of Ayurveda, and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia have just concluded a Memorandum of Understanding in Jaipur, Rajasthan, on 5 December 2016. The MoU was signed by Professor Sanjeev Sharma, Director of NIA and Hon'ble Tun Dr. Ling Liong Sik, Council Chairman of UTAR. The MoU envisages cooperation in the field of education, training, research, publication and popularization of Ayurveda system of medicine in Malaysia. The MoU would also enable NIA to assist UTAR in starting a faculty of Ayurveda for full-fledged Bachelors and Masters Degree programmes for Ayurveda in Malaysia. Before visiting Jaipur, the delegation led by Hon'ble Tun Dr. Ling Liong Sik participated in the World Ayurveda Congress held in Kolkata on 1-4 December. From Jaipur, the delegation will travel to New Delhi where they would be calling on the Hon'ble Minister of State for Ayush (I/C), Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, and other Ministers.

2. India and Malaysia have robust collaboration in the field of traditional and complimentary medicine. At the governmental level, pursuant to a MoU signed in 2010, the two countries have set up a bilateral Technical Commission between Ministry of Health, Malaysia and Ministry of AYUSH, which meets annually. The 4th bilateral meeting Technical Meeting will be held later this month in Kuala Lumpur.

3. India has deputed an Ayurveda doctor and two therapists to the Ministry of Health, Government of Malaysia, since 2014 and a Siddha doctor is expected to arrive in Malaysia soon. The Government of India has also gifted two 'Shirodhara' machines to the Government of Malaysia. Every year the Indian Government also offers 20 scholarships to Malaysians to pursue Bachelors' degree in Ayurveda and other systems of traditional and complimentary medicine in India, which has gone up over the years.

4. The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur and University of Malaya have brought out a bilingual book in English and Bahasa Malaya titled 'Ayurveda: Science and Practice' which was released by Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Gen (Retd) V.K.Singh, in 2015.

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