



**Dr Ashok Philip**

Dr Ashok Philip is a physician specialising in Internal Medicine. He has been practising in the private sector in the historic town of Melaka, Malaysia for almost 30 years after having served in the government sector for almost 10 years before that. Besides his clinical duties in the hospital he has also served as the Chairman of the hospital's Medical Advisory Council.

He has carried out undergraduate medical teaching for Manipal University College in Melaka .

He has been active in the Malaysian Medical Association, initially chairing the Melaka Branch Committee before taking on the role of President of the Association, starting as President-Elect in 2014, moving on to President in 2015 and then Past President in 2016.

Following this, he remained active in the Association, editing its newsletter from 2021 to 2023. He also served in numerous committees of the MMA, including the Insurance Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee and Constitutional Review Committee (the last two as Chairman). He is also a member of the Malaysian Bar Council's Disciplinary Board and served in the Malaysian Medical Council's Ethics Committee from 2015-2019.

In his capacity as MMA President, he started attending WMA meetings in 2016. He was then asked to participate in a working group on governance reform. Following this, he chaired the WMA's committee on advocacy and communications. His work on this committee ultimately led to the introduction of additional committee seats on the WMA Council for smaller delegations, and he served as the MMA's Additional Standing Committee Member from 2022 to 2023. In 2023 he was elected unopposed to the post of President-elect of the WMA, and took up the post of President in Helsinki in October 2024.