## **GUT 2020 FULLY DIGITAL**

## 25 June 2020

Dear Colleagues, Friends and Biomedical Industry Partners

The Executive Committee of the Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology & Hepatology has forged ahead to hold a virtual educational experience for the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society, **GUT 2020 – "Bringing the future to you"** on 27 to 29 November 2020. This decision has been made in view of the fact that GUT 2020 which was to be held in conjunction with the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) could not materialise because of the many challenges to safely conduct a live meeting. The APDW will now be held on 19 to 21 August 2021 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia.

The Organising Committee is working on a powerful online platform with the capacity and features to host GUT 2020 while creating many new opportunities for connection, interaction and innovation. There will be a digital e-Poster hall, new ways to engage with investigators, dedicated live sessions for Q&A with expert faculty, and symposia for networking and learning. Strengths of the new platform include new ways for our biomedical industry partners to showcase their products, interactive virtual booths to provide new marketing experience and sharing of advancement of medical sciences. We are fully committed and dedicated to deliver the best as we have always done.

GUT 2020 will include a Live Endoscopy Workshop as we did not have the opportunity to host the annual Endoscopy Workshop this year. As usual, the focus will be on clinical education, connection, collegiality and camaraderie.

We are slowly but surely getting through this pandemic and we look forward to you joining us to discuss and explore our passion to improve care for our patients and our profession. We are here for each other and count on your participation for GUT 2020. Please stay safe and well.

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