

# **Subcommittee for Medicinal Herbs**

## **Association of Integrative Medicine Malaysia**

### **MISSION**

This sub-committee aims to drive the development of national policies on medicinal herbs (such as kratom, cannabis and others) in the context of integrative medicine. With community health and safety as the main guiding principle of the organization's conduct, AIMM hopes to advise the policymakers accordingly through education and awareness.

### **OBJECTIVE**

This association is a national organization with diverse expertise and professionals from different disciplines to educate and create awareness among the medical fraternity and the public on the important difference between recreational and medical use of medicinal herbs.

Focused on eradicating the stigmatization of medicinal plants and the prevention of abuse through responsible use, the association's activities include clear communication and accurate information sharing via social media, website, conferences, roundtables, and training workshops.

The objectives of the organization are as follows: -

1. advocate, promote and assist in the integration, development and use of medicinal herbs (such as kratom, cannabis and others) within the Malaysian healthcare, wellness and wellbeing ecosystem through the dissemination and exchange of information relating to the use of such medicinal herbs and the development of ethical standards and proper use guidelines in Malaysia.
2. to provide a professional platform to guide, monitor and measure appreciation and use of cannabis and medical herbs and generating a foundation of facts and data to enrich dialogue, discussion, and public education on the use of medicinal herbs (kratom, cannabis and others) with government and non-government bodies towards formulating a responsible ecosystem within which the safe and effective use of medical cannabis and herbs can be promoted.
3. to map out the charter for collaboration and to spearhead roundtable discussions with all significant stakeholders.
4. to maintain content vigilance and to advocate for ethical behavior in the processing, distribution, management and use of medicinal herbs such as kratom, cannabis and other herbs.

In pursuit of the above objectives, this Subcommittee may, subject to compliance with the prevailing laws, rules and regulations in force at the material times: -

- (a) co-operate and collaborate with government and non-governmental organizations and universities in an effort to promote the development of medicinal herbs usage in Malaysia;
- (b) provide expert professional advice to the government of Malaysia on issues related to medicinal herbs use and recommend, advice and encourage the government and non-government organisations in the promotion of medicinal kratom, cannabis and other medicinal herbs usage in Malaysia;
- (c) publish and disseminate information packets and any other educational material, through any medium, as deemed necessary regarding the various aspects of medicinal herbs use;
- (d) assist and undertake public awareness programs through conferences, seminars, the print and electronic media on cannabis and herbs use;
- (e) undertake research on the various aspects of medicinal herbs use for presentation or publication;
- (f) establish, support or aid and/or develop programs for medicinal herbs use in Malaysia and provide guidance on best practices for approved dispensaries, pharmacies or points of sale/distribution of medicinal herbs;
- (g) develop professional linkages and affiliations with universities, international societies and bodies involved in medicinal herbs cultivation, promotion, sale, distribution and use whose experience and expertise may be of benefit to Malaysia.

Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Subcommittee members-

- a) Official statements/communications representing this Committee can only be issued (verbally, written or in all forms of media) by the Hon. Secretary and President of AIMM on matters relating to the subcommittee or organisation.
- b) All members shall always uphold the good name of this subcommittee and the Association.
- c) All members shall not steer or lead splinter groups with similar interests that may represent or misrepresent this subcommittee and the Association.
- d) All subcommittee members are required to reply and acknowledge formal

notifications in relation to this subcommittee matters as posted via a recognized formal mode of communication.

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