

RURAL MEDICINE THE WAY FORWARD

Rural Medicine Research Centre (RMRC) is needed to spur research in rural areas in Sabah, to find ways to identify the main health problems and to find the ways to overcome it. This centre arranged a workshop on 31 January 2009 at the Promenade Hotel, Kota Kinabalu. The workshop was chaired by AP Hj Murtaza Mustafa, Director of RMRC. The organizer had invited Dr Mohd Yusof bin Haji Ibrahim, Deputy Director, Health Services in Sabah and Prof Dr Osman Ali as their respected speakers and there were 23 participants involved in the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to evaluate the RMRC progress after 18 months of establishment. The specific objectives were to review the feedback from researchers and recommendation on the future directions of the centre. The issues discussed were rural health in Sabah, governance issues, research infrastructures, main research niche and also the income for generating activities which are held at the RMRC.