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The first face-to-face Malaysian Congress of Radiology after the COVID-19 outbreak

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The Malaysian Congress of Radiology (MCOR) returned to its in-person form this year in the beautiful city of Penang, 7-9 December 2022 alongside the launching of the Malaysian Society of Radiologists (MYRAD). As an international delegate from Cambodia, it was my great privilege to attend this event which I found educational and inspiring.

(Right) The author and (Left) Associate Professor Wiwatana Tanomkiat, the President of the Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand (RCRT) and Professor Norlisah Mohd Ramli, the President of the College of Radiology (CoR), Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, at MCOR.
The majority of the presenters were local Malaysians speaking fluent English and delivered a comprehensive review and update of various subspecialties in diagnostic radiology. I witnessed a great lecture of Dr. Norzaini Rose Mohd Zain on the imaging approach of Alzheimer’s disease, and an inspiring lecture by Professor Kartini Rahmat on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in breast imaging, turning complexities into simple practical solutions. There was something for just about everyone: diagnostic radiology and intervention, research, artificial intelligence (AI) and so on. The participants were so interactive and dynamic, relentlessly asking questions in each session. A young radiologist like myself would love the beauty and inspiration of the quiz sessions, lectures on oncologic imaging, and tips on board examination preparation.

The hospitality of Malaysian people is impressive. I felt part of in the congress. From the moment I first entered the venue, I was greeted and guided cordially to foods, culture, city sightseeing and history.

I formed new friendships and networking quickly and effortlessly, from exchanging our cultures to sharing experiences and challenges in our current practice. Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the organizing committee of MCOR for the efforts to produce such an exciting event. I recommend our ASEAN colleagues without any hesitation to participate in the upcoming Malaysian radiological event.