

Malaysia Woos 'Siddha' Doctors From India
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NEW DELHI, July 9 (Bernama) - Malaysia is wooing Indian traditional doctors or commonly known as 'Siddha Doctors', from India for research and practice in the country, the Deccan Chronicles reported.

The scope for Siddha medicine is vast in Malaysia as the country has a sizeable Tamil population, the news quoted Indian Traditional Medicine Association of Malaysia (PEPTIM) president, Datuk Dr Dorai Raja as saying in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

He said people believe in Siddha as holistic medicine.

In 2010, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Malaysia to share knowledge in traditional medicines.

A Research Officer from the Chennai-based Central Council for Research in Siddha, Dr Sathiya Rajeshwaran said, as part of the effort Malaysia is convening an international workshop in October 2013 on traditional medicine.

Siddha doctors from Tamil Nadu will take part and submit presentations, said Sathiya.

Among the plans is to build a link connecting people in the academia and research wings of traditional medicines of the two countries.

As per the bilateral programme, doctors from India would learn about traditional medicinal systems in Malaysia and be exposed to the preparation of Malay medicines.

Similarly, Malaysian doctors would be regularly informed and taught about Siddha, Ayurveda and other traditional medicinal practices in New Delhi.

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