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INVITATION AS PARTICIPANTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH FORUM ON ZIKA VIRUS

Respectfully the matter above is referred.

2. On May 2015, Zika virus infection has been reported in Brazil, South America, and has spread to 24 countries up until 28th January 2016, as reported by World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan America Health Organization (PAHO). Zika infection usually shows signs and symptoms similar to dengue fever such as muscle pain, joint pain, rashes, fever, conjunctivitis, retro-orbital pain, and headache. WHO has also reported that there is an association between Zika virus infection and microcephaly cases in Brazil and Guillain-Barre Syndrome in several other countries. As of 10th September 2016, Malaysia has reported 4 confirmed cases of Zika infection, one of which was reported in Taman Publik Jaya, Likas, Kota Kinabalu.

3. In view of the current issues above, Department of Community and Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, in collaboration with Kota Kinabalu Health Office, is organizing a **Public Health Forum on Zika Virus**, in which expert guest speakers will be invited to talk about Zika and answer public enquires and misconceptions regarding the virus and disease.

4. The event will be held according to details below:

Event : Public Health Forum on Zika Virus

Venue : Main Auditorium, Block B, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

Date : 20th September 2016

Time : 8.00am – 12.00pm

5. Entry is free; however places are limited. Entrance will be granted on first RSVP, first served basis. Please RSVP by clicking on this **LINK**. 1 CPD point will be awarded for those eligible.

6. We look forward to your participation for this event and we are hopeful that this forum can benefit us all and hence help in eradicating Zika virus spread in Kota Kinabalu, and in Malaysia.

Thank you.



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Yours faithfully,



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