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- **Location:** South East Asia
- **Area:** 520,817 km²
- **Government:** Federal constitutional parliamentary democracy
- **Capital:** Kuala Lumpur
- **Population:** approx. 27 million
- **Currency:** Ringgit Malaysia

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**Dental schools in Malaysia**

- University of Malaya, Science University
- National University Malaysia, Islamic University Malaysia
- International Medical University, Mara Technological University, Penang
- International Dental College, Mahsa College, Segi University, AIMST University, Islamic Science University

**Dental Association (MDA)**

- approx. 3,000 Dentist population
- was an active member of the dental fraternity and has recently hosted the APDC (2005) as well as the FDI World Dental Congress (2001).

**Major dental events held annually**

- 16th FDI/MDA Joint Scientific Convention & Exhibition (January or February)
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**Programmes in Malaysia in 2009**

- 10th FDI/MDA Joint Scientific Convention & Exhibition 2009
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- Hands-on courses: 16 January 2009 (limited to 12/15 participants)

**Topics**

- Endodontic retreatment
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Dr Lin graduated from the University of Malaya in 1991. She was then awarded the Petronas Scholarship to pursue her Master’s Degree in Conservative Dentistry (Eastman Dental Institute at University College London) and a Fellowship in Dental Surgery (FDS RCS) in the United Kingdom. Upon obtaining her postgraduate degree, she returned to her alma mater to serve as a lecturer. In 2000, she was named the first recipient of the Commonwealth University Split-site Scholarship in Malaysia and awarded the University of Malaya Study Award to pursue her doctoral degree at the University of Manchester.

She has served as lecturer and senior lecturer at the University of Malaya for ten years and is currently an associate professor at the International Medical University. Dr Lin has research interests in aesthetic dentistry, dental materials, and prosthodontics. She is actively involved in research and has won numerous international awards, such as the Gold Medal and Best Oral Presentation at the 20th Anniversary CEREC Symposium, the Best Oral Presentation at the Asian Academy of Prosthodontics Congress, the IADR Research Award, and many more.

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Dr Lin is actively involved in continuing professional development programmes to share her knowledge with practitioners and researchers. She has conducted workshops and lectured locally as well as abroad, for example in India, Taiwan, Thailand, and China. She has published in various peer-reviewed international journals and is currently the Honorary Publication Secretary for the Malaysian Dental Association. She is a council member of the International Association for Dental Research (Malaysian Section) and the Asian Academy of Prosthodontics.