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Singapore: The president of the Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society, Ms Nancy Ho has expressed deep concern over increasing numbers of fake drug registration reports in the market. Ms Ho indicated that the public must be informed about such unhealthy practices for monetary gains.

In her speech at the opening of Cosway Pharmacy in Malaysia, Ms Ho said, "The Ministry of Health is very vigilant over the quality and safety of medicines. Hence, all medicines and healthcare products need to be registered."

Ms Ho further added that the World Pharmacists Day was to be celebrated on September 25 worldwide, dedicated to pharmacists, in lieu of their contributions to healthcare services. She mentioned that the Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society would advocate consumers to buy their medicines in licensed pharmacies and seek advice from healthcare professionals.

Mr Edward Yong Oui Fah, the assistant minister to the chief minister said, "Pharmacists, with their wide knowledge in pharmaceutical care and medicines, are well positioned to provide health advice to the community. Illegal practices must be stopped as access to pharmacists means direct access to healthcare."