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Pantai Hospital Penang Launches New Stroke Centre

First of its kind in Northern Malaysia

BAYAN BARU, 28 October 2013 – Pantai Hospital Penang has set up a stroke centre to cater to the growing needs of stroke patients as well as to tap into Penang's growing reputation as a regional healthcare hub. The Stroke Centre comprises 18 beds and one Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy facility for rehabilitation. With this new service, stroke patients will be given specialised care and attention.

Pantai Holdings Berhad chairman Datuk Khairil Anuar Abdullah said there was a need for a specialised centre to treat and rehabilitate stroke patients. Based on the National Stroke Association's statistics, the ailment is the third highest cause of death in the country after heart disease and cancer, Khairil noted.

"Treatment and care for stroke patients cannot be generalised. It must be timely and targeted. Thus, it is best to have a one-stop centre to meet the needs of the patients.

"This centre will be the first of its kind in the northern region," he said.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng opened the centre recently and praised the hospital for taking the initiative to develop and operate such a centre. "Since 2008, Penang has witnessed an exponential growth in medical tourism.

"From 226,000 patients and a revenue of RM173.7mil in 2008, it grew to 327,000 patients as well as a revenue base of RM314.3mil in 2012," Lim said.

He added that with quality private hospitals and also medical devices industries in Penang, it was hoped that the state would become a medical city which could bring in more revenue.

The Pantai Hospital Penang Stroke Centre will manage patients with Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke and will be headed by Neurologist, Dr Wong Yee Choon and two Neurosurgeons – Dr K Ravindran Katheerayson and Dr Kan Choon Hong. They will be complemented by Resident Interventional Neuro Radiologist, Dr Saw Chong Beng and a team of capable and experienced medical staff.

For more information on the Pantai Hospital Penang Stroke Centre, kindly contact the Marketing Department at 04-6396506.



Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng launches the Stroke Centre, accompanied by Datuk Khairil Anuar Abdullah (far right)



The dignitaries given a brief on the capabilities of the Stroke Centre



Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng addressing the attendees of the official launching ceremony of the Stroke Centre.

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Collectively, the Group has a total of more than 2,052 beds, with over 158,000 admissions a year. The Group is anchored by a pool of clinical professionals, consisting of more than 820 doctors and 2,000 nurses. Future developments are afoot in Kota Kinabalu in Sabah and Iskandar Malaysia in Johor which will continue to define Malaysia as a regional medical provider by delivering unparalleled quality, service and value. Pantai also provides ancillary healthcare services including comprehensive laboratory and rehabilitation services.

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