

IHH to open RM400mil hospital in Nusajaya

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Latest in town: Amir (second from left) showing a CT Scan machine which will be equipped at Gleneagles Medini Hospital.

NUSAJAYA: [IHH Healthcare Bhd](#) will soon open its RM400mil Gleneagles Medini Hospital in Nusajaya, Johor.

The hospital, located on a 6ha land in Medini Nusajaya, is the 14th hospital in Malaysia by Parkway Pantai after Gleneagles Kota Kinabalu, which was opened in May this year.

Parkway Pantai is a unit of IHH Healthcare and is one of the region's largest integrated private healthcare groups with a network of 23 hospitals and more than 5,000 beds throughout Asia including Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, India, China, Vietnam and the United Arab Emirates.

Gleneagles Malaysia chief operating officer Datuk Amir Abdullah Firdaus said the opening of the new medical facility would put Iskandar Malaysia at the forefront of healthcare in South-East Asia.

"We have the latest medical equipment that can be found nowhere else in Johor except in Gleneagles Medini with 250 staffs including 40 consultants.

“Besides that, we will also be working closely with other agencies and our counterparts in particular from Singapore to attract foreign visitors to come here,” he said during a media tour of the soon to be opened Gleneagles Medini Hospital yesterday.

He added that the hospital would have five centres of excellence, namely cardiology, orthopedics, women and children, oncology and ophthalmology.

The hospital, according to Amir, is equipped and designed to meet Joint Commission International (JCI) and Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH) accreditation standards.

He said with the current decrease in ringgit value, Malaysia could take advantage to attract foreign visitors to come here for medical healthcare.

With the medical tourism market growing rapidly, Malaysia as a whole stood to gain and in particular Gleneagles able to meet the demand for better healthcare service, he added.

“Our Gleneagles Penang has seen high number of foreign patients where 70% of those are Indonesians while Gleneagles Kuala Lumpur have a balance number of nationals as we are strategically located among various embassies and large number of South Korean community living within the area.

“The healthcare services provided by us also include plastic and reconstructive surgeries,” he said.

But the hospital would also cater for local demand as under the Malaysian Healthcare Act, privately-run hospitals must give affordable prices to all locals.

IHH closed down 14 sen or 2.19% to RM6.25 with 8.17 million shares done.