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REVOLUTIONISING MALAYSIA'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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KPJ Academic Health System to push boundaries of medical research and education

KUALA LUMPUR: KPJ Healthcare Bhd, Malaysia's leading provider of private healthcare services, has launched its KPJ Academic Health System in a bid to establish education and research in hospitals nationwide.

The launch was held yesterday at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre during the Malaysia International Healthcare (MIH) Megatrends 2024 conference.

Officiating the event was Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad along with KPJ Healthcare University chairman Datuk Syed Mohamed Syed Ibrahim and KPJ Healthcare chairman Tan Sri Dr Ismail Bakar.

Dzulkefly lauded the system as an initiative that brings meaningful improvements to the nation's healthcare landscape.

"By advancing medical education and research through collaboration between KPJ and KPJ University, it enables us to focus on population health, medical research, and the continuous development of our healthcare professionals," he said.

The Health Minister said that by 2035, an estimated 15% of the population will be over the age of 60.

"With that, comes a rise in non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer," explained Dzulkefly.

He added that with such challenges, the healthcare system



Dzulkefly (centre) together with Syed Mohamed (left) and Ismail during the launching of KPJ Academic Health System at the Malaysia International Healthcare Megatrends 2024 yesterday. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

must adapt accordingly to address the population's health challenges.

Syed Mohamed, who is also Johor Corporation's president and chief executive, emphasised the need to rethink and reimagine how healthcare works.

"It is no longer just about providing treatments, hospitals must evolve beyond being mere treatment centres by embracing cutting-edge solutions such as artificial intelligence (AI)-driven diagnostics and personalised medicine."

He added that it was necessary to shift the focus towards preventive care and overall well-being to help create a more sustainable healthcare system.

"This vision is not born from incremental improvements, it is born from necessity and innovation as Malaysia faces a turning point with 45% of the nation's healthcare provision coming from private hospitals.

"The KPJ Health System will lead the way by bringing together the brightest minds in healthcare by pushing the boundaries of medical research and education," Syed Mohamed concluded.

Touted as a first of its kind in the country, the latest KPJ Academic Health System aims to align itself with the country's long-term healthcare agenda of creating a world-class healthcare system.

The system now looks to

embed education and research into hospitals to transform them into centres of learning and discovery so that practice and innovation can go hand-in-hand.

Doing so will help to enhance patient outcomes, foster continuous professional development for healthcare providers, and drive groundbreaking research to address current and future healthcare challenges.

By embracing transformative technologies like AI, quantum computing and nanomedicine, KPJ Healthcare is setting a new standard for quality healthcare services across the country, driving improved patient outcomes and fostering a new generation of highly skilled

healthcare professionals.

This initiative contributes to the government's efforts to increase access to advanced treatments, reduce healthcare disparities and support the development of specialised care centres that will cater to complex medical cases, strengthening Malaysia's healthcare infrastructure.

The launch of the KPJ Health System follows an internal soft launch held a week earlier, during which key internal stakeholders were introduced to the system's vision.

The KPJ Health System is designed to benefit not only KPJ Healthcare's patients and staff but also the broader community through its research-driven approach to healthcare and focus on education.

This is through the integration of three essential pillars: "to heal", "to teach" and "to discover" which gives birth to the organisation's Care for Life mantra.

The healthcare event, MIH Megatrends 2024, which takes place from Oct 25-27, brings together some 3,000 healthcare industry-related players through the collaborative efforts of the Health Ministry, KPJ Healthcare and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

MIH Megatrends 2024 was officiated by His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia.

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His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, launching the Malaysia International Healthcare Megatrends 2024 in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him are Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad (right) and KPJ Healthcare Bhd chairman Tan Sri Dr Ismail Bakar (left). NSTP PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

EVALUATE ALL ASPECTS

MINISTRY TO EXAMINE MENTAL HEALTH LAWS

This in relation to mental health issues raised by individuals in court, says Dzulkefly

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THE Health Ministry will examine all factors, including potential legislative amendments, in response to concerns about how mental health is used in the justice system.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said it was too early to make decisions, as the matter needed scrutiny.

"We will discuss this in the ministry's post-cabinet meeting and consult with our legal advisers.

"While it's premature for amendments, this issue is serious.

"We will evaluate all aspects, including the potential need for legislative changes if necessary," he said after the launch of the Malaysia International Healthcare Megatrends 2024 event here yesterday.

Dr Dzulkefly was responding to growing public concern that crimes committed by individuals with mental health issues could lead to inadequate justice for victims and their families, as offenders might be deemed mentally unfit for prosecution.

He said such cases were becoming more frequent.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan said there was a need to further examine these cases.

"There's no justification for using mental health as the proof in a case, it shouldn't be that way.

"We take mental health seriously and have guidelines in place for addressing it.

"A wrongdoing remains a wrongdoing," he said.

Recently, a female driver who crashed into two motorcycles resulting in the deaths of three students of Universiti Teknologi Mara Dungun campus, was alleged to be mentally unstable.

Terengganu Health Department director Datuk Dr Kasemani Embong said the woman had no record of mental health treatment.

On another matter, Dr Dzulkefly said his ministry was determined to advocate for sustainable practices within the healthcare system, reflecting the ethos of the Madani government.

He said this included addressing the social determinants of health, reducing waste and promoting green technology towards protecting environmental, social and personal health in future.

"As healthcare practitioners, we are not only caretakers of individual health but also stewards of the planet.

"The next frontier in healthcare must be one where we align our practices with the principles of sustainability and stewardship."

The event was launched by His

Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia.

Following the opening ceremony, Sultan Ibrahim spent about 30 minutes visiting the exhibition area, engaging with participants and exhibitors.

The event features over 100 exhibitors from government agencies and the private sector, drawing some 3,000 participants.

Organised by the ministry, in collaboration with KPJ Healthcare Bhd and with the support of the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, it has been curated to showcase the latest advancements and trends shaping the future of healthcare.

Present were Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil, Deputy Health Minister Datuk Lukanisman Awang Sauni, the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Seri Suriani Ahmad and KPJ Healthcare chairman Tan Sri Dr Ismail Bakar.

Dr Dzulkefly said as Malaysians forged ahead in the healthcare landscape, they must embrace the concept of patient-centred care.

"Today's patients are more informed and empowered than ever before. They seek not only treatment but also a partnership in their health journey.

"The future of healthcare lies in fostering these partnerships, where patients are active participants in their care.

"Our digital health transformation must serve our primary objective of patient centricity, and a sustainable digital health ecosystem must lead towards achieving 'One Citizen One Record from Womb to Tomb'."

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KKM sedia pinda perundangan berkaitan kesihatan mental

Masyarakat bimbang mangsa jenayah dilakukan individu alami gangguan jiwa tiada pembelaan

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Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) bersedia meminda perundangan berkaitan kesihatan mental.

Ia susulan kebimbangan masyarakat terhadap jenayah membabitkan pelaku yang didakwa ada masalah mental yang mungkin menjurus kepada tiada pembelaan wajar untuk mangsa serta keluarga atas alasan pelaku tidak waras.

Menjelaskan kesediaan KKM melihat perkara itu, Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata cadangan itu perlu diperhalusi sebelum sebarang tindakan lanjut dimuktamadkan.

Mengakui bimbang pesakit mental menggunakan keadaan kesihatan sebagai alasan melakukan salah laku atau jenayah, beliau juga mahu kesediaan sedemikian segera dinoktahkan.

"Semua ini (pinda perundangan) memerlukan penelitian lebih cermat dan kita pastinya akan memuat perbincangan dalam mesyuarat pasca Kabinet KKM.

"Kita juga akan merujuk kepada penasihat perundangan Kementerian. Masih terlalu awal untuk membincangkan perubahan pindaan sebarang perundangan berkaitan.

"Pastinya kes seperti ini serius, kita akan melihat secara menyeluruh, termasuk keperluan pindaan perundangan atau sebagainya.

"Lebih mustahak untuk faham setiap kes terlebih dahulu sebelum tindakan lanjut dimuktamadkan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita pada Persidangan Kesihatan Antarabangsa Malaysia (MIH) Megatrends 2024, di sini, semalam.

Majlis perasmian MIH Megatrends 2024 yang dianjurkan dengan kerjasama Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM) serta KPJ Healthcare disempurnakan oleh Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim.

Yang turut hadir, Menteri Komunikasi, Fahmi Fadzil; Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Lukmanisan Awang Sauni dan Ketua Pengarah Perkhidmatan Awam, Tan Sri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz.

Tiket laksaan jenayah

Dzulkefly tidak menolak kemungkinan lebih ramai individu yang mengalami masalah kesihatan mental menggunakan 'tiket tidak waras' untuk melakukan jenayah atau salah laku.

"Saya kira ini suatu kekejatan, insiden sedemikian mungkin menjadi lebih kerap dan salah guna kad (kesihatan mental) pastinya perlu diteliti," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, beliau berkata, EKM akan memperhebat kempen 'Premis Bersih, Bebas Asap' bagi membendung masalah keracunan makanan, terutama di kedai makan.

"Bahagian keselamatan ditinjau timbalan ketua pengarah KKM akan meneliti perkara ini, akan turun padang dan memperhebat tindakan penguatuasaan bagi mengelak kes keracunan terus berulang," katanya.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan, berkata pesakit mental yang melakukan jenayah tidak sewajarnya menggunakan keadaan kesihatan mereka sebagai tiket melepaskan diri daripada hukuman.

"Kita perlu lihat kes, jika tiada justifikasi kesihatan mental digunakan untuk membuktikan kes, jadi tidak sepatutnya (ia digunakan sebagai antara hujah pembelaan).

"Kesihatan mental adalah isu serius, ada perundangan dan garis panduan untuk tangani kes sedemikian. Salah tetap salah, kalau kita nak gahung dengan kesihatan mental, ada ruang lingkup perundangan untuk tangani kes berkenaan.

"Guna alasan kesihatan mental untuk melakukan kesalahan memang tak boleh dan tidak sepatutnya berlaku," katanya.



Sultan Ibrahim berkenan merasmikan Majlis perasmian MIH Megatrends 2024, di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. Turut hadir Dr Dzulkefly dan Pengerusi KPJ Healthcare, Tan Sri Dr Ismail Bakar. (Foto Awash/Alas/BHI)