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Distinguished Guests

Members of the Media

A very good morning to all of you.

I would like to thank the Management of Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur and International Medical University (IMU) for inviting me to officiate this Organ Donation Campaign, especially in the spirit of Ramadan.

The collaboration between IMU and Pusat Sumber Organ Transplan Nasional (NTRC), started in 2012 and has continued into this year and next. The campaign has the key objectives of raising awareness on organ and tissue donation in the country, motivating our society towards becoming a nation of organ donors and to help create organ donation families. Through this campaign, we will, of course, actively seek to have individuals to pledge their organs.

For this year, this campaign actually started in June through the Malaysian Association of Private Colleges and University (MAPCU) and had the participation of 12 of the largest private education institutions, spearheaded by IMU. The slogan of the campaign is – Part of You; All of Me. It aims to drive home the message that a single individual donor can save more than one life. This is a yearlong event to promote organ donation activities. The MAPCU campaign aims to inculcate the idea of organ donation among the young generation and the public.

Organ donation is the miracle that gives us the ultimate opportunity to make a difference in another person's life and not just to one person. Thousands of Malaysians have benefitted from the transplantation programme since it started in the 1970s. However the number of patients with end stage organ failure waiting for transplant has nearly tripled over the last two decades.

The number of people who have pledged their organs and tissues at just about 1% of the population in Malaysia is in severe contrast to the rest of the world. We are trying to boost organ donation and trying to close the gap.

However it is heartening to note that the number of pledges are steadily increasing, especially over the last couple of years and evident in the statistic provided by the National Transplant Resource Centre (NTRC):-

- The total number of Malaysian registered pledges from 1997 to the end of **30 June 2015** now stands at **303,254**
- Last year (2014) there were 56 actual donors, a rise of 27% from the previous year (2013) of 44 donors. BUT from the **beginning of this year** to date, we have already **45 actual donors and many family initiated donations**. This figure shows a positive sign towards end of this year.
- More significantly **last year (2014)**, total number of the pledges has increased 45.28% (**39,882=2014**) compared with **27,452** people in **2013**.

This achievement is a new milestone to Malaysia Organ Donation programme. Waiting list candidates by the end of June 2015 now stand at 19,498. Clearly, there is more work to be done here.

I am pleased that this morning, we are launching an organ donation campaign, this time it is a partnership between IMU and the Pantai Group of hospitals. The objectives this time are:

- to have private hospitals to be actively involved in organ donation activities
- to enable NTRC to be actively collaborate with the private hospitals in the different states
- to enable the Pantai Group of hospitals, a leading private provider to instill a caring culture among Malaysians, especially its patients and their families.

I understand that the Pantai Group has 14 hospitals throughout Malaysia. I am delighted by the presence of **YBhg Tan Sri Abu Bakar Suleiman**, Chairman of the IHH Healthcare Berhad, **YBhg Khairil, Chairman of the Pantai Group** and **En Ahmad, Group CEO**. With them as champions, I am sure all the hospitals in the group will be playing an active role with NTRC in this campaign.

Ladies and gentlemen, to achieve our national objectives for organ donation, we have to work together across agencies and institutions throughout the country. With the start of this collaboration between universities and now the private hospitals together with NTRC, we are slowly but surely moving positively forward in the important issue of concern. I hope that in the near future there will be even greater cooperation between private and government in promoting organ donation activities throughout the nations. In fact, I am very encouraged to be informed by Datin Lela and Professor Ong that we will be collaborating with the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) on organ donation in August (after the Raya holidays). With its membership of thousands of companies throughout the country, hopefully the organ donation message will spread in all industry.

I would like to congratulate **IMU, PANTAI** and **NTRC** for bringing this important partnership with private hospital and **IHH Healthcare Berhad** providing the financial support for the organ donation through its **Khazanah IHH Health care Fund (KIHf)**.

I would like to end by expressing our heartfelt appreciation to all of you for making this launch a success this morning and to the Organ Donation organizing committee for making this campaign possible. Thank you.