Speech by Encik Ahmad Shahizam Handover Ceremony for Mobility Aids Tuesday, 25 October 2016 @ 10:00am

Spastic Children's Association of Selangor & Federal Territory (SCASFT) 14, Lorong Utara A, 46700 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

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Professor Ong Kok Hai, Director of External Affairs, International Medical University and Chairman of IMU Cares

Members of staff, parents and children

Members of the media

Ladies and gentlemen

A very good morning to all of you.

On behalf of IHH Healthcare and Parkway Pantai, it gives me great pleasure to be here today to witness the handing over of mobility aids to beneficiaries of the Spastic Children's Association of Selangor & Federal Territory, better known as SCASFT.

The SCASFT has brought hope to children with neuromuscular conditions since 1960. Where we are gathered here today is the Centre it operates that provides free transportation, education and various therapies to care for and treat these special children.

And we are proud to support its efforts with a donation of RM22,000 through IMU Cares.

This sponsorship is made possible by the Khazanah IHH Healthcare Fund. The RM50 million Fund was launched in 2012 when IHH was listed, to help underprivileged patients in its home markets of Malaysia, Singapore and Turkey. To date, some RM33 million has been disbursed to sponsor medical treatments for more than 3,600 patients.

In Malaysia, where 70 per cent of the Fund is channeled to, we have transformed the lives of about 1,000 people over the last three years through the Parkway Pantai Life Renewed programme run by our network of 14 Pantai and Gleneagles hospitals.

The Khazanah IHH Healthcare Fund also supports the IMU Cares programme established by International Medical University. Through sponsorship of equipment and vehicles which are used by IMU's healthcare team, we were able to deliver free health and medical services to rural areas in Malaysia. In 2015 alone, IMU Cares provided free health screening to more than 6,000 people.

Today, IMU Cares has gone further to help 10 children in the Klang Valley diagnosed with neuromuscular conditions by equipping them with customised wheelchairs and buggies that will enable them to perform daily activities. On top of that, it is also providing additional two units of standing frames for common use at SCASFT.

Having personally spent time with a number of Khazanah IHH Healthcare Fund beneficiaries, I am deeply humbled and heartened by their deep gratitude for the Fund and the people who played a role in changing their lives. To some of them, the Fund was a miracle.

It is this sense of purpose that continues to motivate us and drive our social responsibility efforts as IHH spreads its wings around the world. As we grow and expand, we become even more mindful of our responsibilities to the people and communities around us.

In the process of giving back, we have come one step closer to achieving our aspiration of making quality healthcare more accessible to everyone. It has also helped us forge meaningful partnerships with numerous voluntary welfare organisations like the SCASFT.

We thank all of you for this rewarding journey and look forward to many more years of close collaboration to bring cheer to the lives of the less fortunate people around us.

Have a pleasant day.