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Malaysia launches new initiative to improve cancer care

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To provide equitable cancer care for all



The Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya (UM); National Cancer Society of Malaysia (NCSM); City Cancer Challenge (C/Can); and the Selangor State Government (the City Councils of Petaling Jaya, Subang Jaya and Shah Alam) teamed up as the second city in Asia to join the growing movement of cities around the world to plan and deliver locally-led, sustainable cancer care solutions.

The collaboration is based on a shared commitment to work together to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals); and also the global target of reducing premature deaths from non-communicable disease (NCDs) including cancer by 25% by 2025.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony was hosted by the State of Selangor virtually. The MoU signing represents a significant milestone, marking the official launch of the C/Can city process in Greater Petaling. The agreement sets out a framework for cooperation between the signatories to jointly address the gaps in cancer care services in the three cities of Greater Petaling over the next two years.

Universiti Malaya Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Profesor Dr. Noorsaadah Abd Rahman said, "Through this MoU, UM focuses on contributing to global health research in response to global and national needs, with a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide, especially in low and middle-income countries."