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Malaysia strengthens medical research ecosystem by enhancing educational opportunities

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MoU signed between Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur and IMU University



Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur (PHKL) and IMU University have officially entered into a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster collaboration in biomedical science research, training, and knowledge exchange. This partnership marks a significant step in strengthening Malaysia's medical research ecosystem while enhancing educational opportunities for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Under this MoU, IMU University will provide research students who will undergo structured training at PHKL, where they will gain hands-on experience in medical research projects. These short-term research programs, lasting a minimum of three months, will allow students to work under joint supervision from both IMU University and PHKL experts. The collaboration will also encompass broader research and development (R&D) initiatives, including retrospective studies, surveys, and registries, contributing to advancements in biomedical science.

The partnership between PHKL and IMU University is designed to strengthen research capabilities by leveraging both institutions' expertise and resources. Key areas of collaboration include- Clinical research & development, where joint research initiatives focusing on medical advancements, with an emphasis on publishing findings that contribute to global biomedical knowledge; Professional training & development by providing structured mentorship and training for students, consultants, and research staff, fostering a research-driven culture within the healthcare industry; and Ethical research practices & data security and ensuring adherence to Good Clinical Practice (GCP) standards, with secure and ethical data management practices to protect participant confidentiality.

PHKL's Clinical Research Centre also provides an ideal platform for training and mentorship, allowing IMU University students and researchers to gain hands-on experience in a hospital setting, benefiting from exposure to real-world clinical data and research methodologies. This practical training will enhance their academic foundation, equipping them with the necessary skills to contribute meaningfully to Malaysia's healthcare landscape.

Beyond student training, this partnership will also benefit PHKL's medical professionals, encouraging continuous learning and engagement in groundbreaking research projects. The collaboration aligns with PHKL's broader mission to enhance research culture among its consultants while supporting Malaysia's medical and health sciences education sector.