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Singapore: Manipal group, a leading healthcare services provider, recently announced its plans to build a tertiary care multi-specialty hospital in Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Klang, Malaysia. The global healthcare giant will be investing RM140 million ($22.52 mn) for the completion of this facility, according to sources.

According to a statement released by Manipal, the hospital will commence commercial operations from the first half of 2015. The Klang facility will provide healthcare services with super specialties like cardiothoracic surgery, neurology and neuro surgery, nephrology, vascular and plastic surgery and paediatric surgery.

Other specialty services like cardiology, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, dental and critical care will also be available at the hospital. Each of these departments will be a center of excellence, said Manipal group in a statement.

The wide range of mutli-specialty services qualifies Manipal Hospitals Klang to be classified as a tertiary-care hospital, making it the eighth such hospital in the group. The hospital will have a team of over 300 nursing staff and 60 resident and visiting specialists when it is commissioned in 2015.

Mr Ramkumar Akella, managing director and CEO, Manipal hospitals Asean region said, "Malaysia's robust healthcare industry and the accompanying growth potential, made the country the compelling choice of location for Manipal Hospitals' expansion outside India."

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Factors such as ageing population, health conscious society as well as the government's drive to grow private health care are encouraging signs to set up a chain of private hospitals. Malaysia is also a growing destination for medical tourists, added Mr Akella.

"Buoyed by all these, we chose vibrant Malaysia not only as our choice destination for our first offshore expansion but also as our hub to springboard and make inroads into the South East Asian region," he further stated.