

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Medical Centre (SMC) strives to stand out not only among medical centres in the region, but as a community hospital to complement the government's efforts in providing quality medical care to the general public.

SMC's Executive Chairman Dr Tseu Fui Loong asserted this in his speech in conjunction with the visit by Puspanita Kebangsaan entourage led by its President Puan Sri Suslita Abdul Majid, who is also the wife to the Chief Secretary of Malaysia Tan Sri Samsudin B. Osman, to SMC on Monday.

She was accompanied by Sabah Puspanita Head, Datin Dayang Jamaiah Pg. Alli.

Dr Tseu noted that SMC is not solely a profit-making medical institution but a socially-responsible one, which collaborates with the National Heart Institute (IJN) Kuala Lumpur in providing cardiac procedures at subsidised rate besides providing Oncology services and diagnostic and Interventional Radiological Procedures to the Ministry of Health.

On top of that, it also offers its facilities, expertise and services to the medical faculty of the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to complement their curriculum.

Touching on its history, he said that SMC began its operation in 1986 at its old site



Dr Tseu (standing, centre) explains to Suslita (standing on the left) and other Puspanita members how the 64-slice MSCT Scanner (not visible here) is operated by specially-trained medical staff at SMC, during a brief tour of the facilities at the hospital.

located at Kingfisher Park in Kuala Inanam, but subsequently moved to its present site in August 2005, in order to meet an ever-increasing demand for quality healthcare.

The hospital currently has a capacity of 300 beds, 10 operating theatres, 23 ICU Beds, and offers a comprehensive range of modern medical facilities comparable to major hospitals in Malaysia and the region.

Dr. Tseu noted that SMC has been working closely with State Puspanita all these years with the

chief aim of promoting greater health awareness among the general public and its members especially, through the annual Puspanita Health Campaign.

"We at SMC honestly feel that Puspanita has played a crucial and meaningful role in educating both its members and the general public on healthy living. We are proud to be a partner in such a noble endeavour," he acknowledged.

Earlier, he personally took the delegation on a brief tour of the hospital, which obviously

impressed his guests, the guest-of-honour Suslita herself especially who could not resist but to give him a solid pat on the back at the end of the tour.

She conceded that it was quite a pleasant surprise for her and most of her members from Peninsular Malaysia to find Sabah having such a majestic-looking-and-well-equipped private medical institution that is not only providing a comprehensive range of healthcare services, but is also equipped with some of the latest, state-

SMC gets pat on the back from Puspanita

of-the-art medical equipment including the 64-slice Multiple Sliced Computed Tomography (MSCT) Scan, the latest model of 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imagine (MRI) scanner and the 3D Echo Cardiogram.

She was especially impressed with the advanced technology and equipment deployed at the medical centre for early identification and treatment of breast cancer using Mammogram, Ultrasound and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

She conceded that breast

cancer prevention has always been one of the main focuses of Puspanita in as far as healthcare of its members is concerned.

Besides the tour, the delegation also attended an informative talk-cum-slide show on "Breast Cancer and Breast Imaging" by SMC Consultant Radiologist Dr. Fatimah Bt Moosa.

At the end of the visit, an impressed Suslita vowed to visit SMC again in the near future, with the chief aim of fostering closer working relations between SMC and Sabah Puspanita.