

# UMS to have Borneo's RM652m first smart hospital

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THE Federal-funded RM652 million Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Teaching Hospital scheduled to be completed in 2021 will be developed as a "Smart Hospital" towards being the first not only in Malaysia but Borneo.

Announcing this, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak said it would be an iconic project profiting not only the students but also the people of Sabah to enjoy healthcare at a minimal cost.

**Due to pressure and pleadings of UMS and education officials, he said he agreed, in principle, to implement the UMS Teaching Hospital as a "Smart Hospital" to be done in stages.**

**"We will look for more funds to make the aspiration of the people for 'Smart Hospital' to come into reality as we have the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) Minister Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, and Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Tun Said Keruak.**



**An artist's impression of the UMS Teaching cum Smart Hospital.**

"I also hope Chief Minister Tan Sri Musa Aman will assist to channel some State funds into this important project," he said, when launching a development project of the UMS Teaching Hospital at the Second Lecture Hall Complex in UMS on Friday.

The upcoming hospital would be constructed on 60 acres in the university campus not only for teaching and learning but also as centre for health provider for the people of Sabah as well as part of UMS transformation progress to go forward in

conjunction with the 4.0 Revolution Industry and the Smart Eco-UMS 4.0

Upon completion, the hospital will adopt smart concept in many aspects including its management, services, learning, teaching and research as well as equipping the project with latest digital technology and infrastructures.

The hospital would be erected on a flooring acreage of 110,853 square metre that will house 400 beds, 34 operation theatres and 12 delivery suites. It will also pro-

vide specialist medical services, 24-hour emergency and trauma service, student health check-up, a dialysis centre, pharmacy, pharmacy diagnostic lab, a radiology centres, physiotherapy centre, stop smoking clinic and health enforcement service, among others.

Also present were Chief Minister Tan Sri Musa Aman, Minister in the Prime Minister Department Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister (Mosti) Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau, Higher Education Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Mary Yap Kain Ching, UMS Board of Directors Chairman Tun Zaki Azmi, UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin, State Cabinet Ministers, and senior officials.

"Furthermore, we have to bear in mind that Malaysia is among the top five countries in the world that provides the best healthcare to the people, based on a report by an independent body, *International Living* on Jan 29, this year.

"We received this international recognition because no country in the world that only charge RM1 fee to enjoy our healthcare facilities such as in 1Malaysia Clinic and the people enjoying free medicines where some would get a handful to be kept for months.

"The Malaysians are fortunate for paying such minimal costs to enjoy our healthcare as the RM1 fee is not even up to USD.30 cent. These are the medical services that we do for the people and we will increase such health facilities especially in the interior areas in Sabah which are in need of this," Najib said, adding his official visit to Nabawan to open a hospital for the district in January this year to meet the healthcare need of local communities there did not materialise.

He said the government would continue with its effort to enhance health services by providing more healthcare facilities in Sabah especially in the rural areas so as to cater the healthcare of the people.