



2 017 marks the 25th anniversary of our centre, marking a new chapter in our growth as we build on our successes.

Since our establishment over two decades ago, Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) has become an essential provider of cardiac care in Malaysia. Originally a small Cardiology Unit And Cardiothoracic Surgery Unit in the Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL), IJN has come a long way since 1992 when the core team was shifted here, and IJN was established as a centre of excellence to make cardiac treatment more affordable and available to all Malaysians.

Today, IJN stands tall as the Centre for Cardiac Treatment not only in Malaysia but the region. A testament to our reputation as being one the region's leading heart centres are industry collaborations and partnerships throughout the globe over these 25 years. We are also among the select few hospitals in Malaysia to successfully meet the Joint Commission International (JCI) certification process three times since 2013.



All these achievements would not be possible without the support given by our corporate clients, whom I'm so appreciative of and honoured to work. I would like to thank our clients for their belief in us and our abilities to help them achieve their goals and vision of success, while always challenging us to be better.

Research is crucial to keep us abreast with the newest scientific developments, and create better solutions and treatment for our clients. As such, we provide a wealth of opportunities for doctors to pursue their own research, as well as cultivate new talent in the sector.

For example, we have an annual allocation of funds for research activities, and to train our staff in research methodology and good clinical practice. This is our way of building capacity for not just ourselves, but also for the industry as a whole.

Our efforts at promoting research have already bore fruit. We have been involved in numerous industry-sponsored research, some of which are multinational and multicentre clinical trials locally and internationally. The results of such trials have not only been published in high impact journals, but some landmark trials have also subsequently become a part of clinical practice.

Aside from clinical research, we have further fostered collaborations with academic institutions to develop affordable life-saving devices for patients. Our joint effort with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) for the IJN-UTM Cardiovascular Engineering Centre for example, has brought together researchers from various fields to develop products for diagnostic and clinical use. One of our ongoing research initiatives at the centre is a new type of stent for Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA), which has the potential to improve the way PDA surgery is performed on children.

We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Government of Malaysia, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Health, Hospital Kuala Lumpur, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, as well as all our corporate partners, in helping us realise our goals of providing excellent cardiac care in this country. Our team is continuously enriched by the people that we've met and worked with at our client organisations. Many of these people have also become friends and advisors, allowing us to grow and learn individually as well as an organisation. To our clients, thank you for your unwavering commitment and great relationships. I look forward to your continuous support as we move forward into the next chapter of success together.

Sincerely,
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Chief Executive Officer,
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