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## IJN INCREASES CONTRIBUTION TO RM4.5 MILLION TO SUPPORT UNDERPRIVILEGED HEART PATIENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 March 2025 - Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) reinforced its commitment to ensuring that financial hardship does not prevent patients from receiving life-saving heart treatment by increasing its contribution to the IJN Foundation (IJNF) from RM3.5 million to RM4.5 million this year.

The cheque was presented by Prof Dato' Sri Dr. Mohamed Ezani Md Taib, IJN Group Chief Executive Officer, to YABhg. Toh Puan Dato' Seri Dr. Hajjah Aishah Ong, Chairman of IJN Foundation. The ceremony was witnessed by Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah, Chairman of JJN.

This increased contribution reflects IJN's unwavering commitment to expanding access to critical cardiac care for underprivileged patients.

"At IJN, we believe that financial constraints should never stand in the way of a patient receiving life-saving treatment. By increasing our contribution this year, we hope to reach more patients and provide greater relief to those in need," said Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah during the event.

Since its establishment in 1995, the IJN Foundation has provided RM88.7 million in patient assistance, enabling nearly 7,000 underprivileged individuals to undergo essential heart surgeries and treatments. The foundation has also funded research and training programs to advance cardiac care in Malaysia.

YABhg. Toh Puan Dato' Seri Dr. Hajjah Aishah Ong expressed her gratitude for IJN's increased support: "This contribution reflects IJN's continued dedication to supporting heart patients in need. With these additional funds, we will be able to assist more patients and make a greater impact in the lives of those who require urgent cardiac treatment."

As IJN Foundation marks its 30th anniversary this year, it continues to call for more corporations, organizations, and individuals to contribute, ensuring that no heart patient is left behind.

For more information on how to support the IJN Foundation, visit www.iinfoundation.org or follow IJN Foundation on social media.

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Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) has been Malaysia's leading heart specialist center since 1992, providing advanced care for a full range of heart, lung, and vascular diseases in both adults and children. As the nation's premier tertiary referral center, IJN manages complex cases with unmatched expertise, performing over 4,400 cardiothoracic surgeries and 17,000 cardiac catheterization procedures annually. It is also a lifeline for children, conducting over more 1,500 pediatric heart surgeries and serving more than 15,000 pediatric patients each year.

Recognized as a finalist in the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council's Flagship Medical Tourism Hospital Programme, IJN attracts international patients seeking world-class treatments. Beyond clinical care, IJN contributes to medical research, outreach, and education, reinforcing its role as a cornerstone of Malaysia's healthcare system.

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