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HEALTH RESORT IN LANGKAWI FOR POST-OPERATION PATIENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- A holistic health resort which will cater for post-operation patients is expected to be operational in Langkawi in two to three years.

The health resort, the first such rehabilitation facility in Asia, will adopt the German concept of naturopathy offering, among things, traditional Malay, Chinese, Indian and Islamic medicine.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the setting up of the health resort was signed today between PROMTO Berhad, International Healthcare Group for Rehabilitation (IHGFR) of Germany and Langkawi Healthcare Sdn Bhd, witnessed by Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, at a hotel here.

PROMTO was represented by its chairman, Datuk Hanafi Ramli, IHGFR by its chief executive director Wolfgang Schmidt and chairman Dr Richardus Budiman and Langkawi Healthcare by its director Azizan Khalib.

Sanusi told reporters that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who was supportive of the project, had personally chosen a site for the health resort in Langkawi, but the Menteri Besar would not disclose the location as yet.

Sanusi said the idea of bringing the health resort to Langkawi was a result of Hanafi being sick and going for treatment at such a facility in Germany, where Indonesian President Suharto had gone to.

Excited over his experience in Germany, Hanafi had discussed the idea with Sanusi and they later visited Germany to discuss the Langkawi project with the relevant parties.

"This is an advantage of Hanafi being sick...a good example of a misfortune being converted into a fortune," he said.

Sanusi said the government would make sure that the health resort would be affordable to as many people as possible as it would be offering different rates.

Hanafi said the health resort was expected to be developed within two to three years with an initial investment of about RM200 million.

"We anticipate return on investment in six to seven years," he said.

The holistic health resort was first developed by Schmidt, a German economist in 1996. It combines high-tech medicine, outpatient rehabilitation medicine together with meditation techniques, spiritual healing, herbal medicine and natural health cooking. -- BERNAMA

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