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#### New wing for Hospital Pantai

HOSPITAL Pantai Bhd, which currently has five medical centres in its stable, plans to expand its flagship hospital in Bangsar by building a new wing.

Its executive chairman Mokhzani Mahathir said the new wing, which will have about 200 to 220 beds, is expected to cost some RM80 million.

"Hospital Pantai has no problem with cash as we are cash positive," he told reporters after launching the new corporate logo for Hospital Pantai in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He said construction will start next month or in November. It is hoped to be completed by the second quarter of 2000.

Mokhzani said the expansion is part of the company's ongoing plan to upgrade and improve its facilities and services.

"Since two years back, we have allocated RM16 million for upgrading purposes and so far we have spent some RM4.5 million."

On the new logo, he said the change is timely in its move to make it synonymous with being the premier provider of comprehensive and affordable healthcare services.

"We believe our new logo reflects our improved mindset towards medical care and patient awareness," he said.

He also noted that Hospital Pantai has been linked to the Communication Data Centre of Hospital Kuala Lumpur, the nerve centre for the Sukom 98 games.

"As a result, Hospital Pantai will be ready to provide any specialised expertise if and when required by the Health Ministry during the Games."

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