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KENINGAU HOSPITAL UPGRADES MEDICAL FACILITIES IN SABAH INTERIOR

KENINGAU, Jan 16 (Bernama) -- More than 150,000 people here and in the surrounding areas will have access to better medical facilities in two or three years from now when the RM200 million Keningau Hospital is completed.

Federal Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng today laid the foundation stone for the hospital, which is one of eight hospitals being built in Sabah under the current Seventh Malaysia Plan.

At present residents of this district and the neighbouring districts of Nabawan and Pensiagan depend on the limited facilities at the existing hospital which had been in operation since 1957.

The new 200-bed hospital would also have specialist clinics, haemodialysis facilities and a day care centre, Chua said when speaking at the function.

He said the new hospital was a necessity in view of the pressing medical needs in the Keningau district.

"The hill-top location of the present hospital does not lend itself to expansion in view of the limited area available," he said.

Sabah Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Joseph Kurup, who is the MLA for Sook, said the upgrading of medical facilities in the Keningau District would enable the people to have modern medical services.

"This project for the wellbeing of the people can only come from a government which is concerned about the rakyat," said Kurup in the speech read out by the Secretary-General of the Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRs) Datuk James Viales. Kurup who is the party president is in Kuala Lumpur for a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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