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RM20m plan for Pantai hospital expansion

PANTAI Holdings Berhad plans to invest RM20 million for the expansion of its hospital facility in Ayer Keroh, Malacca.

Its chairman Datuk Dr Abdul Aziz Mahmood said part of the expenditure was to build a new block near the present facility and expansion works to the fourth floor of the existing building.

"Upon completion of the works, the hospital would have 92 extra beds, making this a 250-bed hospital by year-end.

"With this expansion, we would be a step closer towards realising our vision of becoming a tertiary and referral-based hospital."

Dr Abdul Aziz said the new block would be a "tower of strength" for the hospital to provide a more efficient service.

He was speaking at the launch of the hospital's MRI and Lithotripter equipment, which costs over RM4 million, by Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam.

Also present were State Health, Manpower and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Datuk Seah Kwi Tong, and Pantai Holdings chief executive officer, Mokhzani Mahathir.

Dr Abdul Aziz said the new building would have a centre for cancer, an outpatient department, consultant clinics, day surgery area, administrative suites and one floor for a nursing school.

"With the wide range of expansion, Pantai Holdings hopes that its regular customers here and those who have travelled all the way from Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Indonesia would be able to benefit from it."

He also said Pantai Holdings planned to spend an additional RM20 million to build a patients rehabilitation centre at its hospitals all over the country.

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