

# To fight cancer, Muhyiddin urges all to go for check-ups

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday urged the people to go for regular health check-ups to ensure the early detection of cancer.

He said aside from comprehensive treatment, early detection would raise the probability of patients being cured from cancer.

“This is why early detection is important and what is more critical is to get immediate treatment once you are confirmed to have cancer. Don’t be afraid and don’t delay.

“As a cancer survivor, I can relate with the difficulty experienced as one fights the disease.

“Alhamdulillah (praise to Allah), after undergoing the treatment, I have been given a clean bill of health.

“Whatever illnesses one is facing, if detected and treated early, *insya-Allah* (God willing) it can be treated,” said the prime minister in a Facebook posting, which had garnered

more than 6,000 likes up to 6pm.

Muhyiddin also said family support and encouragement had boosted his resolve to face and deal with the disease.

“If you are fighting against cancer, you must be strong and keep in mind that you are not alone.

“I know many of those with chronic illnesses, including cancer (patients), who have survived and led a normal life nowadays,” he said.

In conjunction with World Cancer Day, Muhyiddin also called on the people to play their part to prevent and contain the disease.

Observed on Feb 4 annually, this year’s World Cancer Day theme is “I am and I will”.

World Cancer Day was first established at the World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium in Paris, and the “Charter of Paris Against Cancer” was signed on Feb 4, 2000.