

**PM: Govt will provide scholarships for Perdana Uni students**  
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SERDANG (Sept 12, 2011): The government will be providing scholarships to Malaysian students selected to pursue their medical training at both Perdana University medical schools here, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

The scholarships were both for the students of Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine (PUGSOM) and the Perdana University-Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (PU-RSCI) School of Medicine.

In his speech, Najib said the presence of the university would help put Malaysia on the map for world class medical education, research and care.

"I hope that, as the University endeavours to establish itself as a world-class education-research-healthcare hub - it will also strive to forge links with local institutions and our local talent pool," he said at the launching of the Perdana University, here today.

Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was also named the university's first chancellor today.

The first intake, comprising 105 students, will begin their session at their temporary facilities at the Mardi headquarters today while waiting for the completion of the construction of the campus proper in 2013.

PUGSOM is offering, for the first time in Malaysia, a four-year graduate entry programme based on the United States curriculum in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Meanwhile, PU-RCSI School of Medicine will offer a five-year programme based on a conventional curriculum in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Najib said the new university, a far-sighted collaboration between the government's public-private partnership concept and the corporate sector, was something of a landmark for Malaysia.

"I am incredibly excited about it and I have no doubt that it will pay dividends in the widest possible sense over the years - educating and developing a new generation of medical professionals and equipping them with the skills and expertise to respond to the healthcare needs of our growing global population," he said.

The prime minister said there was no doubt that Perdana University would be an amazing facility, boasting two medical schools, Malaysia's first private teaching hospital with 600 multi-specialty beds and a new Life Sciences Research Centre to keep the country at the cutting edge of clinical research.

He said the planned Perdana University Teaching Hospital was set to open in 2013 by the time today's students reached their clinical years and would be managed by Johns Hopkins Medicine International.

"Offering state-of-the art diagnostic and treatment facilities, it will be a prominent player in Malaysia's drive towards medical tourism, a model for 21st century personalised medicine

and ultimately an international symbol of healthcare excellence," he added.

Meanwhile, Perdana University's Chairman of the Board of Governors, Tan Sri Dr Mohan Swami said half of the students would be JPA scholars.

Also present was Dr Mahathir's wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali. – Bernama

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