

**Muhyiddin Praises Pantai Hospital For Establishing Heart Centre**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was all praise for the Pantai Hospital here for establishing its heart centre to benefit those in need of cardio-vascular treatment and care.

He said he understood the centre would provide comprehensive services and act as a 'one-stop centre' for the diagnosis and treatment of all cardio-vascular related ailments.

"Such medical innovations and commitment to deliver advanced procedures are much needed and would bring Malaysia ever closer to the goal of providing world class healthcare for the rakyat," he said when launching the Heart Centre at the Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur (PHKL) here.

Muhyiddin said the rising incidence of cardio-vascular diseases (CVD) in the country was worrying, as it remained the biggest killer of both men and women.

He said in 2008, there were 2,851 reported CVD cases comprising 704 women and 2,147 men.

Of the figure, 168 were below 40; 1,345 (41-60); 1,238 (60-80) and 100 (aged 80 and above). Muhyiddin said, according to statistics, there was an increase in CVD cases year after year, adding that as the country made its way to developed nation status, the so-called 'lifestyle diseases' appeared to follow suit.

"Therefore, I urge everyone above the age of 35, to go for regular check-ups because prevention is better than cure," he added.

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