

Muhyiddin Praises Siti Sadiyah Of KPJ Healthcare For Dedication, Loyalty
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin praised KPJ Healthcare Berhad corporate advisor Datin Paduka Siti Sadiyah Sheikh Bakir for her loyalty and dedication in the healthcare industry, and said this should be emulated by the present generation.

The deputy prime minister said the dedication of Siti Sadiyah, who is a non-executive director of KPJ Healthcare, had expanded and transformed the landscape in the private healthcare industry in the country.

"I am very impressed with the commitment of Datin Paduka (Siti Sadiyah) to Kumpulan KPJ, from the time of the involvement of JCorp in the healthcare industry in 1979, and as chief executive of Kumpulan Perubatan (Johor) Sdn Bhd from 1989 to 1993, and as managing director of KPJ Healthcare Berhad from 1993 until her retirement in December 2012.

"The group today earns more than RM2 billion in annual revenue and has gained a market capitalisation of more than RM4 billion. All this was achieved and accomplished within 30 years of the company's existence, driven by the vision and passion of Datin Paduka as the managing director," he said in his speech at the launch of Siti Sadiyah's biography, here.

The text of Muhyiddin's speech was read out by Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Rohani Abdul Karim.

Muhyiddin said that from one hospital in Johor Baharu in 1981, Siti Sadiyah and her team rapidly transformed KPJ into a national icon with 23 hospitals nationwide by the end of 2012, as well as hospitals in Indonesia and Thailand, and an aged care facility in Brisbane, Australia.

In her capacity as managing director, Siti Sadiyah spearheaded efforts to ensure KPJ created added value for the nation, he said.

"As a result, six of KPJ's hospital greenfield projects are today listed in the national Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), with a target to contribute to a Gross National Income (GNI) of RM1.32 billion by year 2020.

"And create more than 3,400 healthcare employment opportunities and targeting to attract more than one million health tourists annually," he said.

He said that though Siti Sadiyah was not a medical professional herself, she and her team had been able to bring on board more than 900 of the country's top specialists and more than 10,000 healthcare professionals serving more than two million patients annually, both local and international.

The 303-page biography entitled "Siti Sadiyah: Driven by Vision, Mission and Passion", was written by Prof Rokiah A. Talib and will be available at all major bookstores soon.

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