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**OPENING CEREMONY OF KPJ
HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
2012**

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OF MALAYSIA**

**SATURDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2012 9:00 AM
ONE WORLD HOTEL, PETALING JAYA
SELANGOR**

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Chairman of KPJ Medical Advisory Committee

YBrs Tn Hj Amiruddin Abdul Satar,
Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer
KPJ Healthcare Berhad,

Medical Directors & Management Team,

All Medical Consultants & Healthcare Professionals from Public and Private sectors,

All Participants and Speakers and a warm welcome to our International guests.

Ladies & Gentlemen

1. Firstly, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the KPJ Healthcare Berhad for inviting me and I am indeed delighted to be here today to the **11th KPJ Medical Conference & Exhibition 2012** with the theme ***Transforming Healthcare - Public Private Collaboration*** focusing on bringing together public private healthcare providers and institutions of higher learning; to discuss the ever changing healthcare scenario and its impact on the Malaysia healthcare industry.

2. As we continue to improve our healthcare facilities and services, attention will increasingly be drawn to the need to strengthen the commitment of healthcare services especially in delivering safer patient care. As this applies both to public and private sector providers;

hence, it's timely and apt with the theme of this KPJ Healthcare Conference. It is hoped that this conference will help to catalyse and promote quality, safety, effective and efficient timely service to the patients.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. Indeed, the nation's healthcare sector needs are expected to rise in the coming years. To address the growing healthcare demand, the Government is investing heavily in the expansion of Malaysia's public healthcare infrastructure. In the recent Budget 2013 unveiled by YAB Prime Minister in the Parliament, the Government among others focusing on enhancing the well-being of the rakyat. In the health sector, the Government will

continue to ensure the rakyat enjoys good health by allocating RM19.3 billion for operating and development expenditure. The Government will allocate RM20 million for establishment of additional 70 new 1Malaysia clinics in 2013. In addition, RM100 million will be allocated for to upgrade 350 clinics nationwide as well as providing additional 150 dialysis machines in Government haemodialysis across the country.

4. In this context, the healthcare industry will continue to be a mainstream of economic growth, due to demographic shifts such as extended longevity and a rise in lifestyle diseases such as hypertension and cardiovascular ailments and diabetes.

5. Vision 2020 calls for the nation to achieve a self-sufficient industrialised nation by the year 2020; encompasses all aspects of life, from the economic prosperity, social well-being, educational world class, political stability as well as physiological balance.

6. The global economic landscape today has changed significantly and requires transformation by the Government, via the Government Transformation Program (GTP). Simultaneously, in meeting with the objective to propel Malaysia into high income nation, the National Economic Transformation Program (ETP) was launched in September 2010 comprising 12 National Key Economic Areas for both private and public sector. Healthcare is one of the sectors identified with many Entry

Points Projects (EPP) for immediate implementation of which six Entry Points Projects for Healthcare are Clinical Research, Generic drug Export, Health Tourism, Diagnostic Services Network, Medical Technology Manufacturing and Seniors Living are in various stages of progress.

7. Johor Corporation, being the healthcare arm for the last 30 years and from the track records of KPJ, it is obvious that KPJ Group has been contributing to the nation's economic development and wellbeing of its population.

I take note KPJ's involvement in the medical health tourism and developing Aged Care facilities. In addition, KPJ's effort in contributing to the ETPs for health tourism by building 6

hospitals namely KPJ Klang Hospital, Sabah Medical Specialist Centre, Bandar Dato Onn Specialist Hospital, KPJ Pahang Specialist Hospital, Pasir Gudang Specialist Hospital and KPJ Perlis Specialist Hospital with an investment of RM815 million and anticipated GNI of RM1.289 billion and creating 3,686 new job opportunities by 2020 is definitely positive undertaking. This reflects KPJ's commitment to achieve the nation's goals by working together with the Government.

8. With this commitment the Government has recognised KPJ's effort by supporting, facilitating and awarding the Dana Mudahcara facilities for 8 hospital development; 4 being

new and 4 other existing hospitals that require expansions.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

9. Over the years, KPJ's drive to enhance quality practices is also commendable in enhancing excellent patient care, organizational culture, total patient experience practice and outcomes focusing on safety. This clearly seen as KPJ being an active player in organising conference such as this that helps to enhance knowledge as well as share best practices among all healthcare professionals. I notice from the program there are many renowned speakers who will share their practical experiences and knowledge of various topic which will be an invaluable learning

opportunities to all of us in collaborating with public, private providers and higher learning institutions.

10. I wish to convey my congratulations to YBhg Tuan Hj Kamaruzzaman Chairman of KPJ Healthcare Berhad who is also the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Johor Corporation, YB Datin Paduka Siti Sa'diah Sheikh Bakir, Managing Director of KPJ Healthcare Berhad and Dr. F.N Yoong Chairman of the Organizing Committee & Chairman of KPJ Medical Advisory Committee for making this conference possible and my appreciation for inviting me to this meeting of the minds of public and private collaboration.

**On these notes, I hereby declare this KPJ
Healthcare & Exhibition 2012 open.**

I wish all of you a successful conference.

Thank you.