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'Perjawatan jururawat ada, namun tiada yang mahu'

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JOHOR BAHRU: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) mengakui negara berdepan kekurangan jururawat yang kritikal dan sedang membuat pelantikan baharu untuk mengatasinya.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, antara pendekatan diambil ialah meningkatkan jumlah pelatih ke paras 1,000 orang, namun ia masih belum dapat menampung kekurangan yang berlaku.

Beliau mengakui KKM mengalami kesukaran untuk mendapatkan jururawat disebabkan perjawatan ada, namun tiada yang mahu.

"Berikan KKM sedikit masa untuk kami tangani isu ini," katanya dalam sidang akhbar selepas Majlis Penyerahan Projek Hospital Pasir Gudang (HPG), Bandar Seri Alam, di sini semalam.

Dr. Dzulkefly berkata, cabaran utama yang dihadapi sektor kesihatan awam di Malaysia ketika ini adalah isu kekurangan jururawat.

Kata beliau, ia merupakan satu isu global yang turut dihadapi negara lain.

"Filipina yang selama ini merupakan negara pengeluar tenaga kerja jururawat juga sedang berdepan isu kekurangan jururawat dalam negara mereka. Bagaimanapun itu bukan alasan sebaliknya adalah



DR. Dzulkefly Ahmad melihat model projek Hospital Pasir Gudang yang beroperasi secara berperingkat mulai 1 Ogos ini. - UTUSAN/RAJA JAAFAR ALI

realiti yang perlu kita tangani," katanya.

Februari lalu, media melaporkan seramai 6,919 petugas kesihatan di bawah KKM direkodkan telah meletak jawatan dan beralih ke sektor kesihatan swasta antara 2020 hingga 2024.

Antara faktor utama yang dikenalpasti termasuk tawaran gaji serta manfaat yang lebih baik dibandingkan dengan sektor kesihatan awam.

Bagaimanapun, Dr. Dzulkefly memberitahu, pihaknya telah bekerjasama dengan sektor swasta bagi mengatasi isu kekurangan jururawat kerana

ia melibatkan kepemimpinan kesihatan awam.

"Selain itu, kita juga melaksanakan tindakan bersifat interim, transit serta transisi melibatkan pengambilan jururawat luar, tetapi itu merupakan penyelesaian jangka pendek.

"Buat masa ini kita akan fokus untuk meningkatkan moral serta semangat petugas kesihatan sedia ada. Itu merupakan salah satu faktor penting selain daripada gaji dan manfaat," katanya.

Mengenai HPG, beliau berkata, hospital dibina dengan kos RM500 juta itu bakal opera-

si secara berperingkat bermula 1 Ogos ini dan turut menyediakan bilik 'on call suite' untuk doktor terlibat.

"Apabila beroperasi kelak ia dijangka mengurangkan sehingga 10 peratus kepenggunaan katil pesakit di Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA), selain 30 peratus waktu menunggu bagi pesakit menjalani pembedahan elektif di hospital berkenaan.

"Hospital major kelapan di Johor ini turut dilengkapi 304 katil dan bakal menempatkan seramai 1,845 penjawatan, ketika ini sebanyak 274 penjawatan telah diisi," katanya.

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 4
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Boost for healthcare services

New centre to help ease the load for Johor public hospitals

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JOHOR BARU: Patients will soon be able to enjoy a shorter waiting time for elective surgery with the opening of Hospital Pasir Gudang (HPG) in August, says Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad.

The Health Minister said the hospital, located in Bandar Seri Alam, Johor Baru, is expected to reduce the bed occupancy rate of Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA) in the city centre by at least 10%.

"HPG is also expected to reduce the waiting time for elective surgery at HSA by about 30% in the first two years of operations.

"HSA and Hospital Sultan Ismail in Johor Baru are stretched and congested, so HPG is a timely addition to the public healthcare system in this part of the state," he said after witnessing the handover of HPG from the Works Ministry to the Health Ministry yesterday.

He added that the new HPG, which will open in phases starting Aug 1, is expected to be fully operational by July next year.

The first phase makes up 30% of the facility's overall capacity.

It is the eighth major public hospital in Johor, offering 14 specialist disciplines, including general surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology.

It also provides healthcare workers' quarters, Dzulkefly said.

He said HPG is also equipped with 20 units of on-call suites for doctors – a first in the country's public healthcare facilities – in a bid to boost their welfare and morale.

"The new hospital, which was completed on time with cooperation from the relevant government agencies, is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.



Impressive addition: Dzulkefly (second from left) visiting one of the operating theatres at the newly opened Hospital Pasir Gudang in Johor Baru. — Bernama

"It is also my ministry's trophy asset and should be made a benchmark for its future healthcare projects," he added.

The minister said HPG will have a total workforce of 1,845 at full capacity, where 274 of the vacancies have been filled.

Dzulkefly added that the government is facing a "chronic issue" involving shortage of nurses.

As such, he said continuous steps are being taken to address the matter, including increasing the number of nurse trainees to 1,000.

"Supplying brick and mortar is no longer the main challenge in public healthcare. It's the human resources aspect of it," he said.

"This is a global issue. Even the Philippines, which used to supply nurses, is facing a shortage."

Asked about the recent formation of a joint ministerial committee

involving the finance and healthcare ministries, Dzulkefly said it will produce a new ecosystem to tackle rising healthcare costs and medical inflation.

"The committee, co-chaired by Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan and myself, also includes representatives from private hospitals, healthcare professionals, insurance and Takaful providers and advocacy groups.

"A meeting had been conducted recently and we have formed several working groups to handle the related issues," he said.

In a joint ministerial statement released on June 24, it said the committee will provide a dedicated platform for industry players to work together and contribute their expertise towards the government's shared goal of ensuring affordable and accessible pri-

vate healthcare for all Malaysians.

Meanwhile, Dzulkefly said the Johor government's request for an unused plot of land in the state to be used for developing affordable homes is being considered by his ministry.

On June 13, Johor Mentri Besar Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi said the state is looking at a plot of land in Kempas, which is owned by the Health Ministry, to build more affordable houses for the people.

Onn Hafiz said the land has not been developed for years, adding that it should be returned to the state government for that purpose.

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THIRD PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN JB

Pasir Gudang Hospital to operate from Aug 1

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more than 1,800 staff. This will significantly ease congestion at HSA and HSI.

"Specialists have started taking up their posts here, particularly in key departments, in preparation for the opening," he said after the Pasir Gudang Hospital project handover event.

Present were Health Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Suriani Ahmad, Public Works Department director-general Datuk

Roslan Ismail, Johor Health and Environment Committee chairman Ling Tian Soon and Johor Public Works, Transport, Infrastructure and Communications Committee chairman Mohamad Fazli Mohamad Salleh.

Located in Bandar Seri Alam and spanning 20.6ha, HPG is equipped with 304 beds and offers 14 specialist services.

Its facilities include 36 Class G staff quarters, 50 units of nurses' hostel blocks, 1,507 car parking bays, 320 motorcycle bays and 32 bays for persons with disabilities.

On the proposal to build Sul-

tanah Aminah Hospital 2 (HSA 2) to ease congestion at the existing HSA, Dzulkefly said preliminary work had started.

Last month, it was reported that the HSA 2 project had entered the final phase of preparing the working paper, which is expected to be tabled to the cabinet for further deliberation and approval.

Ling was reported as saying that the progress followed the resolution of land ownership issues and the completion of preliminary groundwork. The working paper was expected to be finalised last month.

The proposed site for HSA 2 involves part of a land parcel owned by the Defence Ministry in Skudai, which has granted permission for development.

The federal government approved funding for initial work through a budget presented by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Roslan reminded contractors to respond promptly to any complaints during the defects liabil-



Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad (second from left) touring the facilities at Pasir Gudang Hospital after the project handover event in Johor Baru yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

ity period for the HPG project.

He said although full building management and control had been handed over to the Health Ministry, following the hospital's completion on June 12, contractors remained responsible for addressing any defects.

"I urge them to carry out preventive maintenance as scheduled and to act swiftly in responding to and rectifying any complaints," Bernama reported him as saying.

Roslan said the hospital was originally scheduled for completion on Sept 15 last year, with a project cost of RM375.5 million following site possession on

Sept 15, 2020.

The Certificate of Completion and Compliance was issued on May 27, followed by the Certificate of Practical Completion on June 12.

Despite challenges, including on-site disruptions and delays due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Roslan said the project was completed with the cooperation of all stakeholders.

The hospital, built using the Design and Build method and aligned with Environmental, Social and Governance principles, is designed to be sustainable, resilient and environmentally friendly.

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
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KKM tambah jumlah pelatih tangani isu kurang jururawat

Pasir Gudang: Hospital kerajaan berdepan kekurangan jururawat yang kritikal dan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) sedang menangani isu itu dengan meningkatkan jumlah pelatih.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata kekurangan jururawat atau sumber manusia kini menjadi isu utama dihadapi KKM berbanding digitalisasi.

"Isu kekurangan jururawat satu realiti yang KKM secara berterusan sedang menanganinya. "Kita pun sudah mengambil pelbagai pendekatan, antara lain meningkatkan jumlah pelatih ke paras 1,000 orang, namun masih tidak dapat menam-

pung kekurangan.

"KKM mengalami kesukaran mendapatkan jururawat kerana perjawatan ada, namun tiada yang mahu.

"Berikan KKM sedikit masa menangani isu kekurangan jururawat ini," katanya pada sidang media selepas Majlis Penyerahan Hospital Pasir Gudang, di sini, semalam.

Februari lalu, seramai 6,919 petugas kesihatan di bawah KKM dilaporkan direkodkan meletak jawatan dan beralih ke sektor swasta, antara 2020 hingga tahun lalu.

Dr Dzulkefly berkata, ini membabitkan 2,141 jururawat, masing-masing 1,754 lantikan



Dr Dzulkefly melawat fasiliti hospital selepas Majlis Penyerahan Hospital Pasir Gudang, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

tetap dan 387 lantikan kontrak direkodkan meletak jawatan antara 2020 hingga tahun lalu.

Selain 1,856 pegawai perubatan tetap, diikuti 3,846 pegawai perubatan kontrak dan 1,217 pakar perubatan, turut meletak

jawatan dalam tempoh sama.

Kadaan itu dikenal pasti berpunca akibat tawaran manfaat yang lebih besar, sekiranya petugas kesihatan terbabit beralih ke sektor swasta.

Tahun, lalu, kekurangan ju-

rurawat dilaporkan diunjurkan kepada hampir 60 peratus menjelang 2030.

Dr Dzulkefly dilaporkan berkata, antara langkah menanganinya termasuklah kerjasama antara sektor awam dan swasta.

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
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Kekurangan pakar forensik, jejas siasatan kes jenayah

Nisbah ahli patologi di Malaysia adalah seorang bagi setiap 1.1 juta penduduk

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Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia sedang berdepan kekurangan pakar forensik, khususnya dalam bidang patologi dan antropologi, yang dilihat boleh menjejaskan kelancaran dan ketepatan siasatan jenayah serta integriti sistem perundangan negara.

Ketika ini, hanya ada 31 ahli patologi forensik di negara ini, yang berdaftar di bawah Pejabat Pendaftaran Pakar Kebangsaan.

Jumlah itu menjadikan nisbah pakar patologi forensik di negara ini adalah seorang bagi setiap 1.1 juta penduduk Malaysia yang berjumlah 34.1 juta pada 2024.

Pengerusi Persatuan Penguatkuasaan Undang-Undang dan Penyaliran, Arie Dwi Andika, berkata berikutan jumlah pakar yang tidak mencukupi menyebabkan kelewatan menjalankan bedah siasat untuk kes tertentu.

Katanya, mengikut Seksyen 330 Kanun Prosedur Jenayah, proses bedah siasat hanya boleh dijalankan pegawai perubatan kerajaan yang berdaftar dan tidak boleh dilakukan di hospital swasta.

"Proses bedah siasat itu pula hanya boleh dilaksanakan di hospital kerajaan, jika ia dibuat di hospital swasta, ia mestilah dilakukan oleh pakar yang berdaftar di bawah Seksyen 330 Kanun Prosedur Jenayah.

"Di hospital kerajaan pula jumlah pakar atau pegawai forensik tidak tetap. Disebabkan itu untuk satu-satu kes forensik, terutama membabitkan kes berat seperti bunuh diri dan sebagainya, ia akan mengambil masa yang lama kerana menunggu kesediaan pegawai berkenaan.

"Berikutan itu, kita lihat ada kes forensik yang keputusannya tidak boleh diperoleh serta-merta, sama ada memang keputusannya belum ada atau kadang-kadang tiada pegawai yang dapat ditugaskan untuk kes berkaitan," katanya kepada BH.

Arie berkata, seseorang pakar tidak boleh 'dipaksa' untuk menghabiskan semua bedah siasat dalam masa tertentu kerana ia boleh mengganggu keputusan.

"Nak buat bedah siasat ini bergantung kepada kakitangan yang bertugas. Mungkin seorang pegawai boleh kendalikan dua atau tiga mayat sehari.

"Jika berlaku darurat seperti bencana alam, pakar forensik dari hospital lain akan membantu, tetapi ini semua bergantung penyusunan jadual hospital berkenaan," katanya.

Perlu ikut prosedur

Beliau menambah, setiap pegawai perubatan yang bertugas itu perlu mengikut prosedur yang ditetapkan bagi menjamin kualiti penentuan keputusan bedah siasat terbabit.

"Untuk proses bedah siasat ini bukanlah kita boleh terima macam pesakit luar, untuk lihat sama ada pesakit demam, tengok suhu badan dan sebagainya. Bedah siasat ini adalah proses untuk mengenal pasti punca dan ia memerlukan ketelitian.

"Ada aspek yang mereka perlu kenal pasti pertama autopsi iaitu satu proses menentukan penyebab kematian, mengumpulkan bukti termasuk organ dan bahagian tubuh yang lain.

"Kedua adalah identifikasi mayat, terutama apabila tubuh mati ini sudah hancur. Jadi kerja

ini bukan sekadar bedah dan tahu punca, tetapi kena analisis rekod, DNA, ciri fizikal dan sebagainya.

"Ketiga adalah analisis bukti biologi, kita kena kenal pasti darah, rambut, tisu yang boleh membantu pakar ini dapat maklumat penting mengenai mangsa dan keadaan kematian," katanya.

Untuk proses keempat adalah entomologi forensik yang menggunakan serangga bagi pengesanan tempoh kematian.

"Terakhir barulah pengurusan, selepas buat bedah siasat mayatnya akan dijahit kembali dan buat laporan.

"Dalam isu ini, ia bukan mengenai berapa banyak mayat kita boleh selesaikan dalam sehari, semua ini perlu mengikut segala aspek berkenaan," katanya.

Arie berkata, penelitian dalam satu-satu kes bedah siasat ini sangat penting supaya tidak mencemarkan atau merosakkan bukti dan ketepatan pada punca kematian.

"Jadi kita minta supaya masyarakat faham dan serahkan kerja itu kepada pihak

hospital. Dalam masa yang sama pihak hospital pun perlu menerangkan kepada masyarakat mengenai isu dalam medikologi atau ilmu forensik ini," katanya.

"Penerangan penting supaya masyarakat tidak tersalah anggap mengapa proses bedah siasat mengambil masa lama," katanya.



Arie Dwi Andika



Kekurangan pakar forensik menyebabkan kelewatan menjalankan bedah siasat untuk kes tertentu. (Foto hiasan)

AKHBAR : THE SUN
MUKA SURAT : 11
RUANGAN : SPEAK UP

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SPEAK UP

Recognising unsung care heroes

COMMENT by Assoc Prof Dr Phelim Yong and L. Mageswary

WHEN we think of healthcare, doctors and nurses often come to mind. However, there is another group of professionals working tirelessly behind the scenes, the allied health professionals (AHP).

These experts play a pivotal role in delivering patient-centred care, ensuring that patients receive comprehensive services, from diagnosis to recovery and rehabilitation.

Who Are AHP?

AHP encompass a wide range of specialists such as medical laboratory scientist, physiotherapists, radiographers, dietitians, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists and many more.

They provide essential services in diagnostics, rehabilitation, therapeutic services and prevention. Whether they help patients regain mobility after an accident or diagnose complex conditions using cutting-edge technology, AHP are integral to healthcare delivery.

AHP are the backbone of sustainable rehabilitative care. Their role goes far beyond diagnosis or acute hospital care. They are essential to a holistic, people-centred approach that begins before diagnosis and continues through recovery, especially within primary health care and community-based settings.

Impact of AHP

AHP perform crucial tasks that directly impact patient outcomes. For instance, radiographers use imaging technologies like X-rays and MRIs to provide the data doctors rely on for critical decisions.

Clinical laboratory technologists analyse blood samples, providing essential information for treatment plans. Rehabilitation services further highlight AHP's contributions.

Physiotherapists help patients recover mobility after surgery or injury while occupational therapists promote independence in everyday activities.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, respiratory therapists and laboratory technologists were instrumental in managing ventilators and processing test samples, ensuring timely, life-saving care.

Addressing need for recognition and resources

Despite their vital role, AHP's efforts often go unseen. The Allied Health Professions Act 2016 (Act 774) addresses the registration of individuals practising as AHP, elevating them in Malaysia.

However, beyond registration, greater recognition and investment in AHP are essential for their continued contribution to the healthcare sector.

Recognising the contributions of AHP is essential to raising public awareness, showcasing their value and creating greater opportunities for professional growth and recognition.

One way to enhance visibility is by incorporating AHP into national healthcare policies, ensuring their roles are acknowledged in workforce planning and service delivery models.

Additionally, public awareness campaigns can educate communities on the services that AHP provide, fostering appreciation for their work.

Establishing recognition programmes, such as national awards or career advancement pathways, can also motivate and retain talent within the profession.

In terms of resources, more efforts should be made to expand educational opportunities for aspiring AHP.

Universities and training institutions should be encouraged to offer specialised AHP programmes, ensuring a steady pipeline of skilled professionals.

Moreover, increasing access to continuous professional development courses, workshops and certification programmes will enable AHP to stay updated with the latest



AHP expertise in adopting new diagnostic tools and therapeutic techniques help enhance service delivery and improve patient outcomes. – **BERNAMA PIC**

advancements in their fields.

Innovators in healthcare

AHP are more than just support staff, they are innovators driving advancements in healthcare in a multidisciplinary team.

Their expertise in adopting new diagnostic tools and therapeutic techniques help enhance service delivery and improve patient outcomes. Public-private partnerships play a key role in transforming healthcare systems.

Meeting the human capacity needs of the AHP is not something we can do alone; it requires strong partnerships. Collaboration between academia, the government and private

sectors is vital.

From diagnosis to rehabilitation, the contributions of AHP are essential in patient care.

As healthcare continue to evolve, it is crucial to recognise and support these professionals who ensure that every patient receives comprehensive, high-quality care.

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IHW 2025 boost for M'sia as premier healthcare hub

► Exposure at International Healthcare Week can lead to increased export opportunities, attract investment for local manufacturers, says Informa Markets regional portfolio director

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's robust healthcare market growth, thriving medical tourism industry, strategic regional position, supportive government policies and ongoing improvements in healthcare infrastructure make it an ideal location to host International Healthcare Week 2025 (IHW-2025), which will take place from July 16 to 18.

Informa Markets' regional portfolio director for Asean, Rungphech Chitanuwat (pic), said this event will solidify Malaysia's status as a premier healthcare hub in Asean and serve as a gateway for global healthcare collaboration.

"As Asean Chair in 2025, Malaysia plays a pivotal role in promoting regional healthcare cooperation, addressing critical challenges such as supply chain resilience, digital health adoption and sustainable health financing through platforms like the EU-Asean Health Summit," she told *SunBiz*.

Rungphech said exposure at IHW 2025 can lead to increased export opportunities and attract investment for local manufacturers, allowing them to penetrate international markets more effectively.

With medical tourism revenues expected to triple by 2032, IHW 2025 strengthens Malaysia's global appeal by showcasing its affordability, service quality and innovation in treatment options.

"The event reinforces Malaysia's status as a trusted healthcare destination for international patients," Rungphech said.

She noted that the success of IHW 2025 relies on robust partnerships between government bodies and private sector leaders to position Malaysia as a leading healthcare hub and gateway to the Asean market.

"IHW 2025 conference sessions lead conversations on new tech, policy innovation and public-private collaboration

to the table with tangible solutions. We are not just showcasing products - we're helping shape systems," Rungphech said.

She added that IHW 2025 will integrate five major international trade exhibitions under one roof, covering the healthcare value chain, enhancing opportunities to learn, fostering meaningful collaboration and investment, and showcasing innovation across various healthcare sectors.

Each exhibition is accompanied by dedicated conferences tailored to the specific needs and developments of their respective industries.

Notable mentions include CPHI South East Asia, which encompasses the entire pharmaceutical production supply chain, and WHX Kuala Lumpur (formerly Asia Health), which focuses on medical devices, hospital services and healthcare systems.

WHX Labs Kuala Lumpur (formerly Medlab Asia) will feature its premier medical laboratory event in the region, while Medtec Southeast Asia specialises in the design and manufacturing of medical devices and technologies.

HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) is a leading global conference that will explore key themes in digital health, including artificial intelligence, data innovation, workforce transformation, and equitable care delivery.

"By hosting IHW 2025 in Malaysia, we are not only enhancing the country's position as a key player in pharmaceuticals but also supporting national objectives for drug security and export development."

"We aim to create a lasting impact by advancing Malaysia's healthcare capabilities, fostering resilient supply chains, and enabling the region to meet future public health challenges through collaboration, education and innovation," Rungphech said.

Touching on key trends in digital health, she noted that Malaysia's healthcare IT

market is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 17.9%.

IHW 2025 provides a global platform to accelerate digital adoption and innovation in this space.

"HIMSS, one of our co-located events, highlights digital transformation, AI, cybersecurity and workforce efficiency."

"There will be exclusive keynotes on cutting-edge health IT topics, interactive demonstrations, and a digital health technology exhibition, all designed to enhance knowledge and foster innovation in healthcare in Malaysia and the Apac region," Rungphech said.

She added that IHW 2025 is a catalyst for innovation where local companies and startups will benefit from exposure to global investors, access to business matchmaking platforms and opportunities to showcase solutions alongside international players.

This is especially timely as Malaysia ramps up digital healthcare adoption, she said.

Furthermore, Rungphech said, there will be more than 125 conference sessions, with over 15,000 products on display and an anticipated attendance of over 21,000.

"We aim to create a lasting impact by advancing Malaysia's healthcare capabilities, fostering resilient supply chains and enabling the region to meet future public health challenges through collaboration, education, and innovation. Essentially, this would mean more collaborations between industry players on the ground, easier access and likely partnerships," Rungphech said.

Informa Markets creates platforms for industries and specialist markets to trade, innovate and grow, she said.

"At IHW 2025, we provide marketplace participants around the globe with opportunities to engage, experience and do business through face-to-face exhibitions, targeted digital services and actionable data solutions. We encourage the opportunity to connect buyers and sellers across more than a dozen global verticals."

"These conference sessions provide platforms for healthcare professionals, policymakers, researchers and industry leaders to share the latest research, clinical guidelines and successful strategies for NCD (non-communicable disease) prevention, early detection, management, and rehabilitation," Rungphech said.

IHW 2025 brings together health ministers, policymakers, public health experts, and industry stakeholders from across Asean and beyond, she said, adding that this facilitates crucial networking and partnership-building for cross-border collaboration on pandemic preparedness.

