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**6th NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH 2012**

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This is the sixth year consecutive year that we have organised the National Conference for Clinical Research (NCCR 2012). In line with the emphasis given by the government towards nurturing future generations of innovators, the NCCR 2012 seemed an excellent platform to bring both active and aspiring researchers to share knowledge and gain new insights on clinical research as a lifelong career. In addition to graduates from medicine, pharmacy and allied health professionals, the clinical research team also requires experts in basic science, IT, bioinformatics and biostatistics, among others. It is crucial to attract the best talents in both science and medicine in understanding the nature of disease and how to treat it.

As the only major conference of its kind in Malaysia, the NCCR 2012 provides an excellent platform for future scientists to gain insights into the valuable role they can play in the clinical research team. The theme "Novel to Nobel: Better Research, Better Doctors, Better Health" was coined with this in mind, that research is the way to advance medicine and improve healthcare. It is indeed an honour that the 1996 Nobel Prize co-winner in Physiology or Medicine, Peter C. Doherty will share insights on his personal journey in research. Together with Rolf M. Zinkernagel, the work they did was the basis for advanced research into targeted immune therapies for cancer and other diseases. Looking to the future, we hope Malaysian researchers will aspire towards a Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine.

As the clinical research arm of the Ministry of Health, the Clinical Research Centre supports the NCCR 2012 as a forum that brings together clinical investigators, industry professionals, regulatory agencies and policymakers. Over 50 speakers, both local and international, have been invited to share their experience with more than 400 participants from all over Malaysia and overseas. The three-day conference incorporates: 1 CRC named lecture featuring Nobel Laureate Professor Doherty, 5 plenary lectures; 12 symposia in two tracks; 3 teaching courses in the three days preceding and for the first time a dialogue session on 'Careers in Clinical Research' to inspire budding researchers and scientists. In addition, the annual Scientific Poster Competition will again be held to attract young investigators to communicate their research findings. I hope both local and foreign, novice and veteran, academic and industry researchers will establish lifelong friendships and professional networks for the benefit of humanity.

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