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Clinical research is a strong component of the Ministry's National Institutes of Health (NIH). It is research where the effect and influence on healthcare is quick and apparent. Thus, the National Conference for Clinical Research (NCCR) has always been one of the NIH's important annual event. With a focus on clinical research, the conferences have, throughout the years, showcased Malaysia's best clinical researchers. It is an opportunity for these researchers to update and be updated. It is an opportunity for those with a seething interest in the field to network with people who they otherwise would not be able to meet. It is an opportunity to celebrate the veteran researchers and appreciate the development and achievements of the year.

Each year, NCCR has focused on promoting clinical research, expanding the range of clinical research and linking them together, and bridging the gap between clinical research and other forms of medical research. Last year, the presence of a Nobel Laureate created a platform where our researchers can aspire to be top in their respective fields. This year, the emphasis is to translate the years of research into practice that can ultimately transform the way we care for our patients and manage our hospitals. The Malaysia's NIH annually supports and approves hundreds of studies because we believe in the aim of our researchers. But what we hope to see more is applications of these research findings. Research does not stop with a final report, and researchers should not merely leave it to clinicians and policy makers to bring alive their findings. Those who conduct a research are the ones who are most passionate about the findings of their research. Therefore, it is obvious that they should aggressively pursue to convert their beneficial results into a significant influence. The Clinical Research Centre's regional research camps may well be one of the initiatives that will encourage our researchers not to leave the fruits of their research ideas idle.

In its 7th year, may NCCR continue to be a beacon for the next generation of clinical researchers in Malaysia.

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