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**WHO SEEKS TO EMBARK ON A FIRST IN THE WORLD PILOT
PROJECT TO APPOINT 'WHO PREFERRED HOSPITALS' IN
MALAYSIA**

MANILA, Oct 8 - I am very grateful, proud and honoured to reveal that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has expressed its deep interest to embark on a first in the world pilot project to appoint 'WHO Preferred Hospitals' in Malaysia.

In my meeting with Mr Stewart Simonson, the Assistant Director-General, General Management, WHO; together with Director General of Health Malaysia Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, the WHO is seriously considering Malaysia for this pilot project owing to our good accessibility and excellent support facilities that are already in place.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 69th WHO Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific here, today.

Through this pilot project, certain hospitals in Malaysia will be appointed as a 'WHO Preferred Hospital'. Subsequently, WHO staff from various countries will be sent to these facilities for treatment under the WHO staff insurance scheme.

WHO is keen to ensure that their staff get the highest level of care from medical institutions that can surpass all their quality indicators within a certain price dimension.

The organisation is looking for hospitals to provide services in the field of Cardiology, Ophthalmology, Urology, Gynaecology and Orthopaedics.

I am confident that if Malaysia is chosen, this pilot project will be a great success as there are already many well-established and highly accredited hospitals in Malaysia that will be able to far exceed the expectations of the WHO. This is an excellent opportunity for these hospitals to project themselves further and be recognised globally.

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