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Pasir Gudang Hospital set to open soon

JOHOR BARU: Construction of the Pasir Gudang Hospital, costing more than RM380mil, is almost complete and it will be operational soon, says state exco member Ling Tian Soon.

He said the construction of the hospital has been fully completed, with only the installation of medical equipment pending before it can commence operations.



"The Public Works Department (JKR) will conduct tests on all systems soon to ensure they function properly.

"After that, officers from the Health Ministry will conduct detailed inspections to ensure that all aspects of the construction and equipment meet the stipulated technical, engineering and medical standards," he said in a statement, reported Bernama.

Earlier, Ling, who is state health and environment committee chairman, accompanied Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad (*pic*) to check on the progress of the hospital project.

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DR. DZULKEFLY (dua dari kanan) ditemani Tian Soon (kanan) diberikan taklimat ketika melawat Hospital Pasir Gudang semalam.

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- + ● Ada 14 jabatan, berkapasiti 304 buah katil

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JOHOR BAHRU – Khabar gembira buat penduduk Pasir Gudang dan kawasan sekitarnya apabila Hospital Pasir Gudang yang dibina dengan kos lebih RM380 juta dijangka mula beroperasi pada pertengahan tahun ini.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar negeri, Ling Tian Soon berkata, pada masa ini, kerja-kerja pembinaan fizikal telah siap 100 peratus, namun masih terdapat

beberapa peralatan perubatan dan pelbagai sistem yang sedang dipasang.

Katanya, Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) akan menjalankan ujian ke atas semua sistem bagi memastikan ia berfungsi dengan baik.

"Pihak Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) juga melakukan pemeriksaan terperinci bagi memastikan semua aspek pembinaan dan kelengkapan memenuhi piawain teknikal, kejuruteraan serta perubatan yang ditetapkan.

"Pemasangan dan ujian sistem dijangka siap pada 12 Jun ini dan Hospital Pasir Gudang ini akan diserahkan kepada KKM untuk mulakan operasi secepat mungkin," katanya ketika mengiringi Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad melawat Hospital Pasir Gudang di sini semalam.

Hospital Pasir Gudang dibina dengan kos lebih RM380 juta dan

mula dibina pada 2020.

Pembinaan hospital ini melalui fasa sukar kerana pandemik Covid-19 dan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Tian Soon berkata, hospital ini dilengkapi dengan 14 jabatan perubatan pakar, berkapasiti 304 buah katil, serta peralatan moden dan persekitaran yang selesa.

Tambahnya, KKM juga telah memberi peruntukkan tambahan sebanyak RM81 juta bagi pembelian peralatan perubatan dan bukan perubatan.

"Setakat ini, lebih 1,845 jawatan telah diluluskan untuk Hospital Pasir Gudang, dan pihak berkuasa sedang mengatur serta menempatkan kakitangan.

"Hospital ini akan beroperasi secara berfasa mengikut keperluan dan kesiap siagaan fasiliti yang ada," katanya.

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A fairer shake for doctors

Govt urged to consider personal circumstances for new placements

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PETALING JAYA: The new merit-based system for placements of doctors should take a few aspects into consideration.

Following glitches to the ePlacement selection system that affected the assignments of more than 2,000 doctors, the Health Ministry on March 17 announced that a new merit-based system will replace the previous system.

The ministry said the new system will be more transparent and fairer and be merit-based so that it meets both supply and demand needs.

Hartal Doktor Kontrak spokesperson Dr Muhammad Yassin said the issue with the previous system was that it crashed frequently.

The first come, first served basis, he said, leaves those with better Internet connectivity at an

advantage in choosing their placement location.

"And as it is with first come, first served, those with very good Internet connectivity are at an advantage compared to those serving in rural areas," he said when contacted.

"Perhaps the new merit-based system should look into aspects like family in terms of whether they have kids or if their parents have any chronic illness where they need to be closer," he added.

Other factors to consider include whether these doctors have previously been posted and served in rural areas, as well as their performance during housemanship and as medical officers.

He suggested that posting those with external papers to hospitals that can meet their training requirements would be beneficial.

Orthopaedic surgeon Dr Timothy Cheng said more clarity is needed on what the merit-based system constitutes, whether it is

solely for placement purposes or whether it will be used in determining permanent positions as well.

He said placements for doctors should be based on facility needs.

"Does it mean that a high-performing doctor gets priority in choosing where to go?" he asked. He added that since the contract system was implemented in 2016, there has been a lack of clarity on the criteria for selecting permanent positions.

Health advocate Dr Sean Thum said with the new system, the ministry could give high performers first priority in selecting their postings.

"The merit-based system can be used not only for the selection of permanent doctors but also for the order in which people choose their placement, but it must be transparent, holistic and all-rounded," he said.

"I think the call for a transparent criteria for the selection of

permanent medical officers started as early as 2019.

"However, MOH has never provided a clear answer to that. To date, we still don't know the criteria used for the selection of permanent doctors," he added.

Dr Thum proposed awarding extra ranking points to those who choose to serve in underserved areas.

"For example, if you go and serve in areas such as Kapit or Kanowit, we can give you extra ranking points that can be used for the future, such as promotions and so on."

This, he said, will help fill vacancies, particularly in Sabah and Sarawak – where interest is low.

While about 50% of existing vacancies are in Sabah and Sarawak, receipt of applications on Feb 27 showed only less than 1% of vacancies in Sabah and Sarawak were filled.

When contacted, Health Director General Datuk Dr

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Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan said the ministry is still working on the system.

It was previously reported that the application dates for the ePlacement system scheduled for March 25, 26 and 27 were cancelled and postponed to a new date to be announced later due to the glitch.

The applications will be reopened within six to eight weeks, starting March 17, after the new system is finalised and its sustainability is tested before being implemented.