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PROBLEMATIC

FIVE OR SIX 'SICK HOSPITALS'

Minister says these facilities are experiencing construction delays

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THE Health Ministry is facing a problem with "sick hospitals", or hospitals whose construction is delayed.

Coining the term, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said there were hospitals

which fell under the category. "The ministry is dealing with five or six delayed hospital projects."

"We are in the process of 'healing' them," he said. Dr Subramaniam, however, did not name the "sick" hospitals.

He said when Shah Alam Hospital faced problems during its construction, it cost the ministry an additional RM60 million than

what was initially allocated for the project.

Dr Subramaniam was speaking at the groundbreaking of Cyberjaya Hospital yesterday.

Praising the hospital's high-technology features and eco-friendly concept, he hoped that the hospital would be ready as per schedule in 2020.

Cyberjaya Hospital, he said, is set to be the first hospital to achieve a platinum rating under the Green Building Index certification standards.

The sustainability features of the RM475 million medical facil-

ity include optimal solar orientation, as well as solar energy-harvesting technology.

The hospital is one of Cyberjaya's many upcoming developments to further the city's offerings, and is part of the 11 major announcements made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak in May this year.

Cyberview Sdn Bhd acting managing director Mohd Najib Ibrahim said the word "innovation" had become synonymous with patents and profits, but in Cyberjaya's smart city setting, benefiting the community was of

paramount importance.

"Cyberjaya Hospital will be a pioneer hospital in using full modules under HIS@KKM, a government hospital information system platform used to efficiently manage systems, including the pharmacy information system, patient management system and critical care information system, among others," said Najib.

Last August, Cyberview Sdn Bhd confirmed the appointment of Gadang Engineering (M) Sdn Bhd as the principal contractor for the hospital.

Cyberview Sdn Bhd acting managing director Mohd Najib Ibrahim (third from right) briefing Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam (second from right) on Cyberjaya Hospital in Cyberjaya yesterday. Also present is Cyberview Sdn Bhd chairman Tan Sri Dr Mohd Iruan Serigar Abdullah (right). BERNAMA PIC



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