

## PRESS RELEASE



### MINISTRY OF HEALTH SINGAPORE ALLOWS USE OF MEDISAVE AT HMI HOSPITALS IN JOHOR AND MALACCA

#### Singapore Residents can now use Medisave for hospitalisation and day surgeries at HMI Hospitals, which offer Premium Private Health Care

- *HMI's Regency Specialist Hospital, just one hour away from Singapore*
- *Multiple award winning Mahkota Medical Centre in Malacca is three hours away*

**SINGAPORE 10 FEBRUARY 2010** – Singapore's healthcare provider Health Management International Ltd ("HMI") is pleased to announce that the Ministry of Health in Singapore has allowed Singapore residents to use their Medisave for hospitalisation and day surgeries at HMI's hospitals in Malaysia.

Singapore residents can now make use of Medisave overseas for the approved hospitalisation and day surgeries at HMI's 2 Malaysian hospitals, the Regency Specialist Hospital ("Regency") in Johor and Mahkota Medical Centre ("Mahkota") in Malacca, starting 1 March 2010.

Dr Gan See Khem, Executive Chairman of HMI said: "We are pleased and very honoured to be chosen by the Ministry of Health as one of the Medisave-accredited referral centres and to provide overseas hospitalisation under the Medisave scheme. Regency is just an hour's drive from Singapore and will be easily and quickly accessible to patients in Singapore."

Regency is a 218-bed private tertiary care hospital offering a wide spectrum of quality speciality care such as orthopaedics, general surgery, internal medicine, cardiology and obstetrics and gynaecology. Since its official launch in November 2009, Regency has not only seen a steady increase in patients from Malaysia, but also an increasing number of patients and enquiries from Singapore.

Regency's patient care facilities and medical equipment are comparable to Singapore hospitals. It has the latest state of the art medical and diagnostic equipment including a 64 multi-slice Computerized Tomographic ("CT") Scanner and 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imager ("MRI") from General Electric ("GE"). In addition, its new Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory ("Cath Lab") adds to the comprehensive range of cardiac care treatments for those experiencing acute coronary symptoms in need of cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, stent, balloon or pacemaker implantation.

Dr Gan said, "Regency has 15 Singapore-based specialists credentialed to treat patients on both sides of the border. This arrangement enables Singapore residents to enjoy the advantages of being

attended to by the best trained Singapore specialists at their clinics in Singapore, while enjoying the cost savings of treatment at Regency in Johor.”

“HMI is also in the process of applying for Malaysian practicing licenses for more Singapore specialists, so that Singapore patients can benefit from their dual practices in both Singapore and Regency or Mahkota,” Dr Gan added.

### **Mahkota Medical Centre**

Located about 3 hours’ drive away in Malacca, a UNESCO’s World Heritage Site, Mahkota is HMI’s flagship and first hospital in Malaysia that has won several industry awards. Malacca is a popular tourist destination for Singaporeans, and Mahkota is well placed for Singapore patients seeking to undergo elective procedures and treatment that require longer recuperation.

Mahkota is a 235-bed tertiary care hospital offering a full range of medical care, including neurosurgery, open heart surgery and oncology. Mahkota’s facilities are comprehensive, and it is equipped with a full suite of medical and diagnostic equipment, including the newly purchased Linear Accelerator and second Cath Lab.

With the expected higher prevalence of medical conditions due to rising levels of obesity and the sedentary lifestyle, and a greying population, Dr Gan said that the demand for health care services will only continue to rise.

HMI is focused on providing premium quality and patient-centric health care services. The specialists practicing at Regency and Mahkota are highly qualified and experienced with many having obtained specialist training and work experience in Western countries such as Australia and the United Kingdom. Also, as in the case of Singapore, the doctors in Malaysia are recognized in Commonwealth countries.

Regency and Mahkota also offer Singapore-style management and comparable standards of nursing care, and will be undergoing regular audits by MOH and the CPF Board. Mahkota is accredited under the Malaysian Society for Quality Healthcare (“MSQH”) and Regency is in the processing of applying for MSQH accreditation. Both hospitals will also apply for Joint Commission International (“JCI”) accreditation to benchmark its services against international standards.

Regency and Mahkota are well-equipped with the latest medical and diagnostic equipment, which are from the same global brands as those found in Singapore hospitals. Pharmaceutical drugs purchased at both hospitals also are from the same international major suppliers.

### **HMI Referral Centre in Singapore**

HMI has set up its local Medisave-accredited referral centre at Balestier Clinic and Health Screening Centre. The HMI referral centre in Singapore will provide information and logistical support, medical and financial counselling and Medisave claims processing assistance to international patients seeking

treatment at Regency and Mahkota, and will add to the Group's existing network of 14 representative offices in Indonesia, Malaysia and Cambodia.

### **Medisave hotline**

Patient enquiries can be directed to the HMI referral centre hotline, "MEDISAVE" (6334 7238) during weekdays from 9am to 6pm.

### **Shuttle service**

To facilitate medical travel, the HMI referral centre can arrange a shuttle service of door-to-door transport for patients wishing to go to Regency.

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### **About HMI**

Health Management International Ltd ("HMI") is a regional healthcare and education service provider listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange. HMI has presence in 5 countries: Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia and the People's Republic of China.

The HMI Group has two core divisions, Healthcare and Education. Its Healthcare Division comprises 2 hospitals in Malaysia; Regency Specialist Hospital in Johor and Mahkota Medical Centre in Malacca; and a network of 14 Representative Offices located in Indonesia, Malaysia and Cambodia. The Group's education arm, HMI Institute of Health Sciences, is the first dedicated private provider of nationally accredited nursing education and healthcare training in Singapore.

For more information, please visit the HMI Corporate website at [www.hmi.com.sg](http://www.hmi.com.sg)

### **About Regency Specialist Hospital**

#### **- Landmark in Quality Healthcare, Just Across the Singapore Border**

Regency Specialist Hospital ("Regency") is a 218-bed private tertiary care hospital modeled after an American hospital and strategically located within Iskandar Malaysia in the growing township of Bandar Seri Alam, Johor. Regency's vision is to be the "Preferred Hospital of Care, providing value and quality healthcare services". Regency aims to offer a comprehensive range of quality medical and surgical services, and was officially launched on 21 November 2009 after a year of operations.

Regency will tap on the Singapore medical tourism market, leveraging on the favorable Singapore foreign exchange rates, and offering cost competitive quality healthcare services to residents of Singapore.

For more information, please visit the Regency website at [www.regencyspecialist.com](http://www.regencyspecialist.com)

## **About Mahkota Medical Centre**

### **– A Leader in Malaysian Medical Tourism**

Mahkota Medical Centre (“Mahkota”) is a 235-bed multi-disciplinary private tertiary care offering a comprehensive range of medical, surgical, therapeutic and preventive healthcare services. Established in 1994, Mahkota is a leader in Malaysian medical tourism and has been consecutively awarded the prestigious Industry Excellence Award under the Export Excellence Award (Healthcare Services) category by the Malaysian Ministry of International Trade and Industry in 2006 and 2007.

In August 2008, Mahkota also achieved the ASEAN Healthcare Excellence Award (Health Tourism) from the Technology Business Review ASEAN Award, Malaysia, and achieved full accreditation by the Malaysian Society for Quality in Healthcare (“MSQH”), further affirming the quality of healthcare available at MMC. In 2009, Mahkota was awarded the Asia Pacific Honesty Enterprise Award.

For more information, please visit the Mahkota website at [www.mahkotamedical.com](http://www.mahkotamedical.com)

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