

## **Tunku Laksamana Johor Cancer Foundation Partners Singapore-based Asian American Medical Group to Conduct Feasibility of Establishing Centre of Excellence in Southern Malaysia to Treat Cancer**

**Singapore/Johor Baru, Malaysia, 19 August 2016** – The Tunku Laksamana Johor Cancer Foundation (“TLJCF”) and the Asian American Medical Group (“AAMG”) said today that it has entered into a Collaborative Agreement (“CA”) to jointly assess the feasibility of setting up a centre of excellence in the state of Johor in Malaysia to provide an array of medical treatment including research and treatment of cancer, organ transplant and other medical services.

Both parties will work closely to finalise details including the formal structure between TLJCF and Australia Securities Exchange-listed AAMG, their respective roles, the design, business model and services to be provided.

The TLJCF was established in June 2015 by the late His Highness Tunku Abdul Jalil, Prince of the Ruler of Johor, His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar. Also known as Tunku Laksamana, His Highness Tunku Abdul Jalil was inspired to establish the TLJCF after he was diagnosed with liver cancer. The late His Highness Tunku Abdul Jalil was actively involved in the activities of TLJCF until he passed away in December 2015. The TLJCF was officially launched on 6 August 2016.

AAMG is headquartered in Singapore where it operates a radiation oncology and liver clinic. It has a long-standing partnership with University of Pittsburgh Medical Center whose UPMC Cancer Center operates a major integrated network of cancer physicians and specialists that delivers world-class healthcare, via an advanced hub-and-spoke model, to U.S. patients near where they live.

The Collaborative Agreement recognises the strengths of AAMG and TLJCF which seeks to provide relief and care to cancer patients and their families, promote research and awareness, counselling and related activities to prevent, control, diagnose and treat cancer in Johor.

Datuk Syed Mohamed Ibrahim, a board member of TLJCF, said: “This proposed collaboration will help us to assess options and the feasibility of establishing a centre of excellence for medical services in Johor, Malaysia. Our efforts are intended to help provide treatment and support to those affected by cancer, as well as to promote research and awareness of health issues related to this disease.”

Dato’ Dr Tan Kai Chah, Executive Chairman of AAMG, said: “We are honoured to collaborate with the TLJCF. Leveraging on our capabilities in radiation oncology and our partnership with UPMC, we hope the proposed centre of medical excellence can serve not just Johor but also the region.”

### **About Asian American Medical Group**

**Asian American Medical Group (“AAMG”)** is based in Singapore and has been listed on the Australian Securities Exchange since September 2009. The Group’s operations include the Asian American Liver Centre Pte Ltd (“AALC”), established in 1994 in Singapore, and Asian American Radiation Oncology Pte Ltd (“AARO”).

The Group entered into a strategic collaboration in October 2012 with the US-based US\$12-billion integrated global health enterprise UPMC. UPMC, ranked No. 12 on the U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll of American’s Best Hospitals, is affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences and are pioneers in the field of transplantation. This collaboration has enhanced AAMG’s clinical capabilities through shared protocols, rigorous quality standards and technology and also created a platform for AAMG to expand into other countries in Asia such as Malaysia, Myanmar, Russia and China.

AALC, one of Asia’s foremost liver centres, is led by renowned hepatobiliary expert and liver transplant surgeon, Dato’ Dr Tan Kai Chah (Dr KC Tan), who helped start the Liver Transplant Programme at the King’s College Hospital London, UK, and pioneered the highly successful Living Donor Liver Transplantation (LDLT) Programme in Singapore. In 2014, AALC begun conducting surgical procedures at iHEAL Medical Centre, located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

AARO, established in March 2015, offers radiation oncology consultancy and management and is spearheaded by Dr Daniel Tan Yat Harn. Based in Singapore, AARO will drive expansion into the growing radiotherapy and oncology segment in the overseas market, at a time where there is a shortage of modern radiotherapy treatment centres.

For further information, please visit [www.aamg.co](http://www.aamg.co).

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### **About Tunku Laksamana Johor Cancer Foundation**

**Tunku Laksamana Johor Cancer Foundation (“Foundation or TLJCF”)** is a charitable organisation that was established in June 2015 by the late His Highness Tunku Abdul Jalil, Prince of His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, the Ruler of Johor. His Highness Tunku Abdul Jalil was inspired to set up the Foundation after he was diagnosed with liver cancer.

The Foundation’s vision is to foster a generation that is caring and concerned towards cancer. The Foundation seeks to assist and provide relief and care for cancer patients and their families while promoting public awareness in the prevention, early detection

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and treatment of cancer. It further aims to promote the advancement of research in the areas of diagnosis and treatment of cancer and also to establish a platform to connect cancer sufferers with caregivers and donors.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has received support from the corporate sector and the general public. This has enabled the Foundation to set up an Oncology Complex in Johor that provides post-treatment care for cancer patients.

To learn more about the Foundation's activities and ways to contribute, please visit [www.tljcf.org](http://www.tljcf.org).

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