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Government allocates support for recovery of national healthcare travel industry.

The Government recently announced a budget allocation for the healthcare travel industry placed under the purview of Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC). With the healthcare travel industry continuously seen as a key economic contributor, driven by unparalleled commitment in providing continuity of care, the government has committed its support in revitalising Malaysia's position as a safe and trusted destination for healthcare.

"On behalf of Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC), we are grateful to receive the Government's support of RM20 million as announced in Budget 2022 (Belanjawan 2022), which will benefit the recovery of the industry. Having received numerous recognitions as a leading healthcare travel destination over the last decade, the industry has shown burgeoning potential as a strong economic contributor. Through inclusive and collaborative industry recovery efforts within the ecosystem, we aim for the healthcare travel sector to grow by RM800 million in revenue in 2022, further supporting the safe reopening of our borders. This will allow us to move forth in our recovery and rebuild efforts to showcase the potential that Malaysia's healthcare travel industry holds," said En. Mohd Daud Mohd Arif, CEO of MHTC.

"We will intensify efforts to further strengthen Malaysia's stance as a leading healthcare destination, supported by our other niche initiatives including the Flagship Medical Tourism Hospital Programme, the Cardiology and Fertility Hubs of Asia, the Cancer Care Centre of Excellence, and Retirement Living. This is a testament to our successful public-private partnerships, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of Health, the Prime Minister's Department (Economy), the Ministry of Finance, the National Security Council, and our member hospitals, who continue to be instrumental in supporting the inclusive recovery of the nation's healthcare travel landscape. Malaysia Healthcare remains committed in providing quality healthcare that is accessible and affordable, within a safe and trusted destination," added En. Mohd Daud.

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