



The National Cancer Institute or Institut Kanser Negara (IKN) of Malaysia is delighted to announce that we celebrated our 10th anniversary in September 2023. The initiation of IKN was inspired by the late Tun Endon Mahmood, the wife of Malaysia's fifth prime minister, Tun Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi. She, herself a cancer patient, championed numerous initiatives to support cancer patients and their families. The establishment of IKN marked the realization of the Malaysian government's commitment to serving Malaysians, especially those battling cancer and the cancer survivors. In alignment with Malaysia's aspirations to attain developed nation status, IKN aspires to be a premier cancer healthcare center, offering exceptional health and cancer care services, including diagnostics, therapeutics, and cutting-edge research.

Among IKN's many noteworthy achievements is the production of 18F-FDG (18F-Fluorodeoxyglucose), the sole radiopharmaceutical product under the Ministry of Health's purview, manufactured by the Radiopharmaceutical Preparation Facility – Cyclotron in IKN. This production adheres to stringent Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards. In early January 2009, this product was officially registered with the National Pharmacy Regulatory Division under the brand name FDG PUTRA INJECTION®. Furthermore, NCI proudly holds the distinction of being the first healthcare facility in Malaysia to attain ISO 22301:2019 Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) certification. Additionally, it has received accreditation from the Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH).

To ensure the highest quality of care for all patients at IKN, the institute has forged partnerships with numerous organizations and stakeholders including non-governmental organizations and agencies. These collaborations encompass various social components, including financial and psychosocial support services, aimed at alleviating the burdens faced by patients and their families. Additionally, collaborative efforts extend to research and clinical services. Over the years, IKN has garnered recognition and being awarded with 68 Industry-Sponsored Clinical Trials, covering a diverse spectrum of cancer types.

IKN's recent 10-year anniversary celebration featured a wide range of activities, including friendly inter-departments sports competition, the search for the "voice of IKN," public health talks across multiple platforms, scientific programs, booth exhibitions, and complimentary cancer screenings. These events were organized to commemorate this significant milestone and underscore IKN's commitment to cancer care and support.



Figure 1 The official ceremony commemorating the 10-year anniversary of IKN



Figure 2 Senior executives and clinical experts from IKN, alongside collaborators from non-governmental organizations



Figure 3 The Malaysian Deputy Health Minister and guests of honor alongside the cancer screening team during the week-long celebration



Figure 4 A snap-shot from one of the activities during the friendly inter-departmental sports competition