

RM606 MILLION PROJECT

PERMATA HOSPITAL 70pc COMPLETED

Child and family-friendly facility to be operational by July next year

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CONSTRUCTION of the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Permata Children's Hospital (HKKP), will be 70 per cent complete, by Nov 30.

Project director Professor Datuk Dr A. Rahman Jamal said the hospital would be fully operational by July 1, next year.

"The hospital will reduce congestion at other hospitals around the

city centre.

"The paediatric ward at Kuala Lumpur Hospital and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre receive 20,000 outpatient and 7,000 patients yearly," he said.

Rahman said the concept for the children's hospital would be different from other paediatric hospitals.

"HKKP will be a children and family-friendly hospital where all patients will have a room to themselves," he said after accompanying HKKP patron Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor on a site visit.

Rosmah, who is the prime minister's wife, spent 30 minutes at the site, accompanied by Higher Education Ministry secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Noorul Ainur Mohd Nur and Prime Minister's Department principal deputy secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohd Zuki Ali.

Rahman said Rosmah, who was given a



Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Permata Children's Hospital patron Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor during a visit to the hospital in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With her are (from left) the hospital's project director Professor Datuk Dr A. Rahman Jamal and Higher Education Ministry secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Noorul Ainur Mohd Nur. PIC BY ROSELA ISMAIL

closed-door briefing, was satisfied with the progress of the hospital.

She was given the honour of choosing the design and concept for its interior and exterior.

The RM606 million facility is expected to be able to accommodate up to 250 beds.

The groundbreaking was held on Aug 23, 2013, by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.