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**MPC, PHPN SUPPORT GOVERNMENT'S AGENDA ON BOOSTING
PRODUCTIVITY OF PRIVATE HEALTHCARE IN MID-TERM REVIEW**

19 September 2023, Petaling Jaya – Increasing the nation's productivity has been recognised as the critical solution to accelerate the economic structural reform, according to Zahid Ismail, Deputy Director General, Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC). In this regard, the target of 3.8% annual productivity growth by the end of 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) period has been set in the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of 12MP. A robust public-private partnership with strong involvement of academia, is therefore vital to achieve this goal.

MTR of 12MP, announced by YAB Prime Minister on 11 September 2023, highlights seventeen (17) extensive, bold measures covering 71 main strategies and initiatives. This document will serve as the primary catalyst in accelerating the efforts to reform the socioeconomic development of the nation in line with the Malaysia MADANI aspiration.

"MPC is set to utilise the Sectoral Productivity Nexus, including Private Healthcare Productivity Nexus (PHPN), to bolster productivity across the country significantly. Furthermore, MPC will lend support to the government's ongoing efforts to elevate the evaluation mechanism of Malaysia Productivity Blueprint (MBP) at the national level, with the strengthening of National Productivity Council and National Oversight Productivity Committee", Zahid said.

Dato' Dr. Jacob Thomas, PHPN's Champion, confidently stated, "The MTR of 12MP serves as an excellent platform for PHPN to exert its influence in implementing policies that promote sustainable reform in Malaysia's healthcare industry. PHPN will join forces with the Ministry of Health (MOH) in encouraging more private hospitals to submit their data to MyHDW system".

In addition to the MyHDW initiative, PHPN is spearheading an effort to improve mental health services in Malaysia. This initiative is one of the crucial health initiatives announced under MTR of 12MP. In collaboration with MOH, PHPN is currently seeking out ways to expand basic mental health services provided by general practitioners throughout the country.

"Moreover, in light of the upcoming implementation of the Private Aged Healthcare Facilities and Service Act 2018 (Act 802) as announced in the MTR of 12MP, PHPN and MPC will collaborate closely with MOH to ensure the effective integration of Good Regulatory Practices (GRP). This will be achieved through extensive public consultation and stakeholder engagement", Dato' Dr. Jacob Thomas affirmed.

Established in 2018 as part of the Malaysia Productivity Blueprint, PHPN has been at the forefront of promoting public-private partnerships in healthcare sector. Led by industry associations and enterprise champions, PHPN has made remarkable strides in collaboration with MPC. Their most notable achievement has been in creating the Guidelines for Establishing Private Hospitals in Malaysia. As a result of this initiative, the time required to obtain construction permits has been reduced from 800 to 200 days.

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