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PENANG is set on track to have the first of its kind medical hub in Malaysia 'Island Medical City' in five years time where it will be providing 2,000 over job opportunities.

Its ground breaking ceremony took place today on the piece of land at Peel Avenue and Pierce Road which had Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow as the Guest of Honour.

"I am proud to announce that this landmark project spearheaded by Island Hospital will be the biggest medical hub in Malaysia.

“It will be an expansion to the current medical facility which will encompass in total a 600-bed medical complex, medical suites as well as a medical tourist hotel as part of its facilities.

“Upon completion, this project will have enormous impact on Penang, Malaysia as well as the region. With the state-of-the-art facilities and new cutting edge medical technologies, I am glad the hospital will be able to cater to the needs of people in Penang and also medical tourists.

“Part of the state government’s aspiration in the ‘Penang2030’ Vision is to increase the liveability so as to enhance quality of life and this medical city supports our vision,” said Chow at the groundbreaking ceremony.

According to Chow, the existing building of the Island Hospital will be turned into a women and children’s specialist hospital.

Also present were Deputy Chief Minister II Prof Dr. P. Ramasamy, State Secretary Datuk Seri Farizan Darus, CEO of Island Hospital Mark Wee, director of Island Hospital Benny Lim, members of Island Hospital Board of Directors and Board of Visitors.

Answering the media regarding the heritage building which was torn down on the land where the expansion is to take place, Chow stated that it was demolished with the approval of the local council in accordance with the development plan.

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