

## **StemLife and Jerudong Park Medical Centre collaborate to offer cord blood banking services**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016** – StemLife Berhad, the pioneer of cord blood banking in Malaysia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC), Brunei to provide its services to Bruneians.

From the partnership signed recently, JPMC will be the first hospital in the country to offer a comprehensive cord blood and cord tissue collection, transportation and cryopreservation services in Brunei. Now Bruneian parents are able to store the cord blood and cord tissue of their newborn infant, for potentially a lifetime.

Signing the MoU was Encik Sophian Abdul Rahman, Executive Director and CEO of StemLife Berhad and Dato' Paduka Dr. Haji Md. Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Executive Director and Medical Director of JPMC.

“This partnership will play a significant role in developing cord blood banking and increasing the awareness of the benefits of the service amongst our patients. It will help ensure Bruneians have a highly-qualified bank to provide only the best services,” quipped Dato' Paduka Dr. Haji Md. Isham.

Encik Sophian commented, “This collaboration is part of StemLife’s commitment to increase the level of awareness of cord blood banking in the region. We are honoured to have JPMC formally recognising us as a trusted partner in this commitment.”

“Awareness of the therapeutic life-saving benefits of the stem cells within the umbilical cord blood to treat blood-related diseases remains low in general, while awareness of the potential benefits of stem cells within the umbilical cord tissue in regenerative medicine is even lower. Together with JPMC we aim to increase this level of awareness amongst expectant parents in Brunei.”

He added, “At the moment, we still have to leverage on our nearest resources in Miri, while we explore setting up a more permanent presence in Brunei. Godwilling, we hope to expand our services to other hospitals in Brunei such as Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha (RIPAS) Hospital. We will continue to work hard to spread the message and do what we do because life is precious.”



StemLife is a stem cell bank licensed by the Ministry of Health Malaysia under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (PHFS) Act 1998. Since its establishment in 2001, StemLife has been one of the leading private stem cell banks in the cryopreservation of cord blood and cord tissue stem cells.

With 15 years of proven expertise in stem cell banking in Malaysia, StemLife has to date banked in more than 53,000 cord blood stem cell units and successfully released 15 such units for transplantations to assist treatments for Thalassemia, Cerebral Palsy, Brain Injury and Leukemia.

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### **About StemLife Bhd**

StemLife is a stem cell bank licensed by the Ministry of Health Malaysia under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (PHFS) Act 1998. Established in 2001, StemLife is the first and only cord blood bank public listed on the MESDAQ board since 2006 offering end-to-end stem cell services of the highest standard and quality through cutting-edge technology and lab processing in accordance with international standards. Collectively, more than 60,000 families have entrusted their baby's cord blood stem cells with StemLife in its Malaysia and Thailand facilities.

As of February 2016, Cordlife Group Limited, which is listed on Singapore Stock Exchange (SGX), has a 89.88% stake in StemLife Berhad, making StemLife part of the largest cord blood banking group in Asia region with presence in 7 countries, 140 cities and more than 175,000 cord blood units stored.

To-date, StemLife has successfully released 15 cord blood units for transplantation and assisted in stem cell applications for over 500 cases.

### **About Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC)**

Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC) is a private specialist hospital in Brunei Darussalam. It is situated in the scenic Jerudong Park area, located along the shores of the South China Sea. JPMC offers a spectrum of services catering to families and organizational needs which includes general, specialised and surgical healthcare services. These services are provided by our highly qualified and committed multi disciplinary medical team utilizing state-of-the-art technology.

JPMC is surrounded by the tranquility of nature, offering an ideal ambience for healing and wellness to the whole family. With patient rooms overlooking the expanse of the beautiful beach, you will enjoy a sense of serenity and privacy and the soothing cadence of the waves.



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