Quality healthcare with digital technology

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ISKANDAR PUTERI: The healthcare industry needs to adopt digital technology to stay relevant, said Health Ministry director-general Datuk Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Digital technology in the medical field would not only improve the quality of healthcare but also make it cheaper, he said.

“We should adopt digital technology as it will help to transform healthcare into a faster, cheaper, safer and simpler industry.
“We need to continue to adapt to technological advancement as it has endless possibilities in pushing forward the healthcare system in Malaysia," he said during the launch of the regional conference on acute medicine held at Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUMed).

The conference was jointly organised by NUMed, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the College of Physicians and the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AMM).

Organising chairman Datuk Dr Paras Doshi said the conference was to increase engagement with physicians in the southern state, especially junior physicians.

"Healthcare needs to be made convenient, not just for the patients but also for the doctors," he said.

Dr Doshi said the conference was to stimulate collaborative efforts and conversation that could advance solutions to the common medical challenges in acute medicine while also strengthening international collaborations.

Some 200 participants from both private and public healthcare department as well as students took part in the three days conference from April 26 to 28.

Also at the conference was Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh president Professor Dr Derek Bell, College of Physicians (AMM) president Dr Letchuman Ramanathan, NUMed chief executive officer Prof Chris Baldwin and AMM master Professor Dr Rosmawati Mohamed.

"We have gathered world-renowned physicians here to share knowledge and research while also spur innovation in acute medicine," he said.

Apart from comprehensive programme on topics related to acute medicine, the conference also offered workshops, symposiums, and exhibitions.

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