

Media release

Early detection and addressing the real concerns of Parkinson's disease with Dr. Ooi Phaik Yee

In conjunction with the World Parkinson's Day this year, DKSH partnered with leading consultant neurologist at Gleneagles Hospital in Kuala Lumpur to share insights on how to manage the second most common neuro-degenerative disease in the world.

Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, April 9, 2019 – DKSH Business Unit Healthcare, has organized a health talk with Dr. Ooi Phaik Yee, consultant neurologist at Gleneagles Hospital in Kuala Lumpur, to share insights on how to recognize the early signs of this condition. Besides Parkinson's being the second most common neuro-degenerative disease in the world, Dr. Ooi also addressed the added responsibility of caregivers.

In Malaysia, the number of patients with Parkinson's disease is expected to increase fivefold from the current estimated 20,000 to 120,000 by 2040*. Majority of those affected are elderly patients, who are 65 years old and above. Efficient care requires significant emotional and financial support from caregivers.

Organized in conjunction with the World Parkinson's Day which falls on April 11 this year, this lunch-and-learn session raised awareness of early detection and addressed real concerns of Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Ooi Phaik Yee said: "While there is no known cure for Parkinson's disease, caregivers need to be equipped with sufficient knowledge to care and support their loved ones."

Dr. Varun Sethi, Vice President, Healthcare, South East Asia & Vietnam, DKSH, said: "We are moving towards an aging population worldwide and Malaysia is not an exception. With increasing numbers of Parkinson's patients, it is expected to cause significant social transformation especially in family structures and intergenerational ties which may put significant mental and financial strain on the part of caregivers. With our strong network with medical specialists in the country, we are proud to partner with a leading medical center to help raise awareness of this disease."

* Department of Statistics Malaysia 2018

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