



## Hospital Columbia Pacific - 21st Century Healthcare

**M**alaysians rate good health, and that of their families, highly on their list of priorities regardless of economic circumstances. Private healthcare has seen the growth from 133 hospitals with 3,666 beds in 1985 to 197 hospitals with 7,511 beds in just about ten years, mirroring the growing penchant that Malaysians have for quality care.

Hospital Columbia Pacific, Seremban is a new addition now completed in the medically underserved area of Seremban. Located in an almost 2 acres site within the Oakland Commercial Centre, this 65-bed new private hospital is just seconds off the major North-South Highway and adjacent to the new Seremban 2 township. It thus enjoys easy accessibility; Kuala Lumpur is only 45 minutes away by car and Seremban town is just 10 minutes away. With a total built-up area of 62,900 sq.ft., this hospital makes no attempt to follow the old-paradigm hospital designs. Visually pleasing in proportion, it is clad with

Alcotex bright silver composite aluminium panels and green tinted glass, giving a modern curtain wall look and creating a clean sleek image. This functional high-tech approach serves to impress as scientific and efficient, imparting confidence in the healing technology this hospital offers.

### Facilities

Healthcare consumers now shop for value. In the past, high cost was almost casually equated with high quality. Malaysia, by World Health Organisation (WHO) standards, has superior medical services in terms of quality and provision. Reputable hospitals in Malaysia have now better quality finishes, more comfortable furniture, more generous lobbies, plus public amenities and well-designed landscaping and hotel-like services. All the above are an integral and not necessarily more expensive part of Hospital Columbia Pacific. The owner believes that with the rising cost of healthcare services and the rapidly growing population, healthcare expertise and resources should be more equitably spread with greater attention placed on relevant care resulting in their emphasis on smaller community-based hospitals.



*Canopy detail at Outpatient Department.*



*Bird's eye view of Hospital Columbia Pacific, Seremban.*



Main staircase at double-height reception lobby.

Hospital Columbia Pacific offers services with state-of-the-art technology and equipment in their various departments, including Accident & Emergency, Physiotherapy, Comprehensive Outpatient Care, Radiology, Endoscopy, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Surgical Department. The Radiology Department has the capability to carry out various types of imaging including CT Scan, whilst the Pharmacy, Screening and Laboratory sections are equally well-equipped to ensure state-of-the-art treatments crucial to the effective operation of this purpose-built hospital.

#### The Owner

The Owner, Columbia Pacific Healthcare Sdn. Bhd., is a joint-venture company between Chemical Company of Malaysia Bhd. and Healthcare Corporation of Asia Ltd, a subsidiary of Columbia Pacific Management Inc. The owner develops and operates healthcare facilities in this region. Besides Seremban, their 64-bed Rehabilitation and Geriatric Centre in Shah Alam has been operational since 1998. They also operate hospitals in Miri and now expect to commence construction of additional facilities in Bintulu and the Klang Valley.

#### Project Team

One of the real difficulties of building hospitals is the escalating rate of change in design brief, which often conflicts with the length of time required to make the facilities operational. This project was without exception. However, the vibrant dynamic synergy between the owner and team members in this project has proven to be a panacea. Without this synergy and a single-minded pursuit of excellent quality of construction, this project would not be a success. **B&I**

#### The project team is:

Owner & Operator  
*Columbia Pacific Healthcare Sdn. Bhd.*

Architect and Interior Designer  
*Environmental Design Partnership*

Civil & Structural Engineers  
*Perunding KCT*

Mechanical & Electrical Engineers  
*Perunding Mektrik Sdn. Bhd.*

Landscape Architect  
*Citiscapc Consultant*

Management & Main Contractor  
*Am Sama Bina Sdn. Bhd.*



External cladding design of Surgical Department at rear facade.