



The Social Security Organization (SOCSO/PERKESO) of Malaysia launched the country's first Return to Work Program in 2008. Since then, the organization has made excellent improvements in increasing disability management knowledge and practices within the Asian region. On October 1, 2014, SOCSO/PERKESO proudly opened the new PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre in the Malaysian state of Melaka. Deputy Director and Head of Administration at the new PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre, Edmund Cheong Peck Huang, provided more details about the impressive new facility.



Social Security Organization of Malaysia Opens New PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre



In July 2011, the Social Security Organization of Malaysia (SOCSO/PERKESO) signed an agreement with the IDMSC for use of its curriculum and professional certification standards. This agreement was part of Malaysia's major national commitment towards improved rehabilitation and return to work outcomes, which takes another leap forward with the official opening of the PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre.

It is also in the context of this major national rehabilitation effort that SOCSO/PERKESO will be hosting IFDM 2016 in Kuala Lumpur.

PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre has been built to help prepare workers with injuries or diseases to be placed back into the job market. The centre provides comprehensive physical and vocational rehabilitation services, together with disability management, to help improve the well-being of PERKESO-insured workers with employment injuries and diseases and, ultimately, enable them to return to work. Planning and construction began on the centre in 2008 and it officially opened on October 1, 2014. After two months of operation, PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre now has in care 95 patients with different types of injuries and disability.

Located in Bandar Hijau, Hang Tuah Jaya Melaka, the centre encompasses five main buildings, including the Medical Rehabilitation Block (MRB), Vocational Rehabilitation Block (VRB), Hostel, Administration, and the Maintenance Block. PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre is located on 55 acres of rolling landscape, with walking trails harmoniously linking the various building clusters. Along with the five main buildings, the centre also consists



of other building groups such as the Administration Block, staff canteen, the Allied Health Institute Block, Surau (Muslim prayer hall) and service blocks.

Medical rehabilitation services at the PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre focuses on multiple fronts, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, optometry, audiology, work hardening and vocational rehabilitation. Each patient benefits from treatments that cover the entire end-to-end spectrum of service from doctors and other rehabilitation professionals. All services are supervised and enhanced by high quality medical rehabilitation equipment in the areas of Robotic Therapy and Industrial Rehab Training.

The main focus of PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre is to provide the best rehabilitation treatments for SOCSO/PERKESO's insured persons and workers from all over Malaysia, while at the same time, accomplishing the mission of returning them to work and improving their overall well-being. For more information on the new centre, please visit: <http://rehab.perkeso.gov.my/> and click on "Translate this page."

For more information on the International Disability Management Standards Council (IDMSC), please visit the website at: www.idmsc.org.

