

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### THE NATIONAL CANCER SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA PENANG STATE BRANCH

#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2010

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Only two Committee Meetings for the year were held. More time was devoted to APHC 2011 Conference in July 2011.

Highlights of the year under review include:-

- (a) 6<sup>th</sup> Relay For Life 2010
- (b) Repeat of Free Mammography for 200 women over 40 years doing this screening for the first time
- (c) Repeat of Screening for Colorectal Cancer by Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)
- (d) Revision of Date for handing over the Hospice at Home Programme to PENANG HOSPICE SOCIETY (PHS)
- (e) Bequests, Grants and Donations to NCSM PG
- (f) Lease of Rumah Hospis
- (g) International "Hero of Hope"

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Relay For Life 2010

The campaign this year started in January 2010 with a memorable LAUNCH at the Hard Rock Hotel. For the next five months after the launch, it had been great to have so many old and new participants helping us spread key messages about Cancer and raise much needed funds for Community Cancer services. This continued until the FINAL PROGRAMME of Relay For Life 2010 held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June in the YOUTH PARK.

We had the participation of 100 survivors celebrating survivorship and 2,845 people comprising 273 teams of 10 people each and 115 individuals fighting cancer as a Community.

In passing, I would like to reiterate that Relay For Life is an activity that takes place across the Globe: it started in USA and now takes place in nearly 30 countries worldwide. We are truly part of a **Global Fight Against Cancer** – part of the Malaysian Fight.  
(See details on Fund raised in this Report).

#### Breast Cancer Awareness Programme

1. 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - Road Show on Breast Cancer was held at Queensbay Mall.
2. Hard Rock Hotel held a Pinktober Month raising RM7,500 for Hospice at Home Programme by donating 25% of room rates from designated Pink Rooms at the Hotel.
3. 13<sup>th</sup> October - An interactive session with over 40 students from INTI College on Breast Cancer Awareness was conducted by Dr Bina Rai.
4. 19<sup>th</sup> October - A talk on Breast Cancer Self Examination to students from KDU Nursing College was given by Dr Aishah Knight.
5. A total of 192 free Mammograms were taken up.

### **On Screening for Colorectal Cancer by Faecal Occult Blood Test - FOBT**

The results of our First Screening for Colorectal Cancer by Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) which commenced in June 2009 were encouraging.

However, collection for the FOBT kits for lab tests and the analysis of this programme which was launched in June 2009 took us more time than anticipated. It was decided that it was best to analyse the procedures adopted carefully before launching the next round. No FOBT tests were carried out in 2010. The next FOBT is earmarked for early 2011.

### **Handing Over of the Hospice at Home Programme (HHP) to PENANG HOSPICE SOCIETY (PHS) scheduled for January 1, 2010**

The handing over of the Hospice at Home Programme started successfully on 1 January 2010.

### **Bequests Grants and Donations to NCSMPG – Update**

NCSMPG will receive approximately RM50,000 as its share from the sale of Rose Avenue house from the Estate of the late Enid Mary Pereira.

The grant and bequest below are earmarked for Hospice at Home services of NCSMPG which is handled presently by Penang Hospice Society (PHS).

1. The property in UK donated to NCSMPG by the late Thomas Nixon Davidson was sold for RM2.86 million.
2. The one-off grant of RM379,345 from Ministry of Finance (MOF) was obtained this year for Hospice services.

Note: The free programme of NCSMPG – Hospice at Home (HHP) took off in 1992.

### **Lease of Rumah Hospis**

It has become clear that we cannot depend on the State Government to grant us a long lease for our present HQ. NCSMPG is now looking for a suitable piece of property or land within the town limits for its future use. Likewise, PHS is also planning to build their own facilities.

### **Honorary International “HERO OF HOPE”**

On August 9, 2010 we had the pleasure to honour **Mdm Mui Siew Koon** (one of our own Executive Committee Member) who was named **“HERO OF HOPE” by the International Relay For Life Heroes of Hope, USA.**

According to International Relay For Life Advisory and Training Team, Mdm Mui, **Quote: “inspires hope, courage and determination to fight and eliminate Cancer. She is the beacon of Hope to all cancer patients and survivors in Malaysia”, unquote.**

Congratulations to Mdm Mui from all members and friends of NCSM Penang. This function was held in conjunction with our Thank You Party for helpers and friends who jointly made our Relay For Life 2010 most enjoyable, bigger, better and a SUCCESS.

### **Report of Financial Statement**

Report on all other activities and financial statement are described in detail under separate headings in the Annual Report.

## **Appreciation**

We wish to register our appreciation to YAB Tuan Lim Guan Eng, Chief Minister; YB Phee Boon Poh, State EXCO Member; Hard Rock Hotel, Queensbay Mall; Youth Park, All our Donors, sponsors, helpers and individuals for their support in our cancer work. We are grateful for this wonderful support and we thank all of them from the bottom of our heart.

We also wish to register our appreciation of loyalty and dedication displayed by our hardworking staff and volunteers.

## **Conclusion**

On behalf of the Society, I thank all donors for their generous donations in cash and kind and take pleasure to list them in our Annual Report. We shall look forward to their continuing financial support.

Thank you and GOD BLESS.

**DATO' WILLIAM NG JIT THYE**  
**Chairman**  
**National Cancer Society of Malaysia**  
**Penang Branch**