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Asian Hospital commits to redefine current healthcare standards by going digital

Muntinlupa City, Philippines -- Asian Hospital and Medical Center (AHMC) is set to redefine current healthcare standards by implementing a paperless and fully digital electronic medical record system. AHMC has taken the first giant step toward this goal by becoming a member of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the world's leader in optimizing health engagements and care outcomes using information technology based in Chicago, USA.

"HIMSS helps Asian Hospital by giving us access to valuable learning resources and guidance as we plot our own roadmap using information technology to improve patient outcomes. Adapting a fully digital electronic medical record system based on the HIMSS 8-Stage Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM) and participating in the HIMSS EMRAM analysis study are just the beginning. Ultimately, we want to equip our doctors, nurses, and staff with technology-driven systems, which lead to seamless continuum of care," said Mr. Andres M. Licaros, Jr. President and CEO of AHMC.

To signify its commitment to this endeavor, AHMC is set to be the venue of the HIMSS AsiaPac15 Digital Healthcare Week Philippines Pre-conference Roadshow on May 27, 2015. The event will focus on "SMART Healthcare – Transforming How We Manage Health" and will be opened by Dr. Janette Loreto-Garin, Secretary of the Department of Health, and Mr. Simon Lin, General Manager of HIMSS Asia Pacific. Among the invited guests are select personalities and decision-makers in the Philippine healthcare industry. This will serve as a half-day preview of the HIMSS AsiaPac15 conference, to be held in Singapore this September.

"We expect to exchange ideas with other institutions about their own digital journeys to better healthcare. The Department of Health will also be participating and sharing the National eHealth governance structure as well as updates on the National Health Information Exchange," said Dr. Juan Antonio Javellana, Medical Informatics Committee Chairman of AHMC.

Digital is the Future of Healthcare Management

Among the challenges that most Asian hospitals face today is the slow transition from hospital to step-down care to home care, which is due to segregated points of service and gap in health literacy between medical practitioners and patients. A fully optimized digital hospital information system can help eliminate this by allowing for harmonious flow of information between different departments and from hospital to patient.



“This has many implications on the quality of healthcare service that we provide to our patients because, for one thing, service flow will be faster. This will also lower the incidence of medication error because information and procedures can be easily shared among healthcare team members,” said Mr. Ronaldo Yacat, Jr., Medical Informatics and Medical Records Department Senior Manager of AHMC.

Furthermore, a fully optimized digital hospital information system allows for integration of patient portal, which greatly empowers patients and their caregivers by giving them access to medical information pertinent to the patient’s condition.

“This is indeed a very exciting time for Asian Hospital. This digital transformation opens numerous opportunities for us to truly redefine the current standards of healthcare in the country. The AHMC Management fully supports this initiative and we intend to see it translate to better patient care and outcomes, and improved overall hospital experience for all our patients,” said Mr. Andres Licaros, Jr., President and CEO of AHMC.

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