



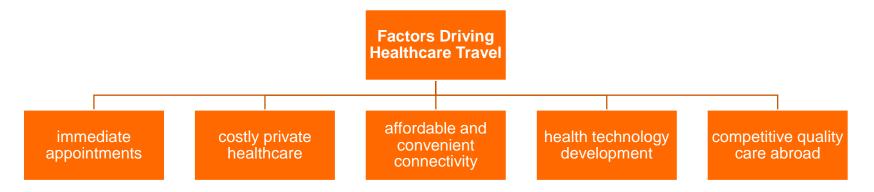
# MEDICAL TOURISM INDUSTRY IN MALAYSIA

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## What is Healthcare Travel?

"Act of travelling for the purpose of receiving treatment for a disease, ailment or medical procedure or well-being and recuperation" – Deloitte, 2008

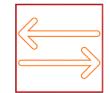




an increase in demand for value-based treatments

growth of the travel industry, emergence of new business models





a change in response towards overall global health issues.

The general trend is that beyond just provision of healthcare, society's increasing expectation is that healthcare must be easily accessible, affordable, of a high quality and sustainable over the long-term.

"more sophisticated healthcare services, there is a greater requirement for technology, equipment, more qualified healthcare professionals and ultimately rising costs."





# Malaysia Healthcare – Background & Landscape



Determination to profile the country as a preferred destination for healthcare, thanks to excess capacity



The government began roping in private sector players to tap the growing international market.



Policy decision - only the private medical sector for the healthcare travel market, while the public medical stream for serving 'the Rakyat'.



The effective public-private sector working relationship began to develop as a recognisable brand and accepted hallmark of high-quality medical care.



1.The Need for a Single Body and the Creation of MHTC

1.A Place in the Economy's Blueprint





1.Malaysia Healthcare's Initiatives 1.Malaysia:
2.A Unique
Healthcare
Destination
for All







# Malaysia Healthcare – Unique Selling Points



1.World-Class Quality

1.Affordability





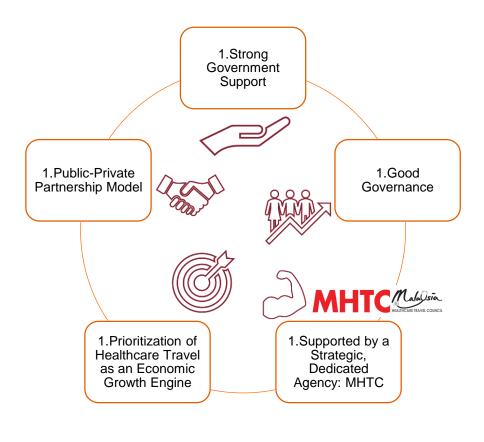
1.Ease of Accessibility

1.Global Halal Hub



1.Tourist Haven









# Malaysia Healthcare - Players

#### ADVISORY LEADERSHIP







Finance





Ministry of International Trade and Industry

#### **FACILITATION AND PROMOTION**



#### **PUBLIC**



Immigration Department of Malaysia



Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation ("MATRADE")



Malaysian Investment Development Authority ("MIDA")





Aintroits Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad ("MAHB")



Malaysian Society for Quality in Health



Malaysian Medical Council



Malaysian Dental Council



State Tourism and Medical Tourism Agencies



**Economic Corridor Authorities** 

#### PRIVATE



ASSociation of Private Hospitals of Malaysia



ma 🕍 Malaysian Medical Association ("MMA")



Private Medical and Dental Facilities



Health Facilitators



**Airlines** 



Hotels

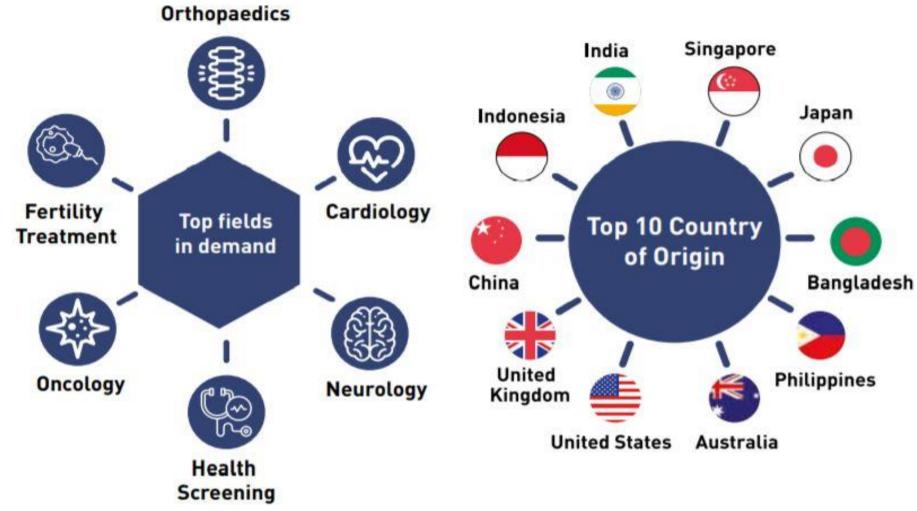


Travel Agents





# **Malaysia Healthcare - Performance**







# **Definition of Healthcare Travellers**



## Healthcare Travellers (HT)

Combination of HTo + FP



### **Health Tourist (HTo)**

Tourist purposely flying to Malaysia for treatment + Tourist seeking treatment during holiday



# Foreign Patients (FP)

Expatriates + Foreign Workers + Foreign Students + MM2H Participants

#### Scope:

Private healthcare facilities

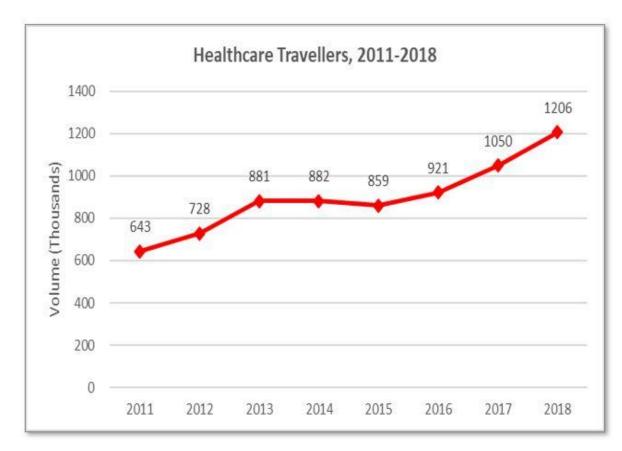
#### **Measurement:**

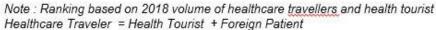
Healthcare Revenue earned from Healthcare Travellers in Private healthcare facilities

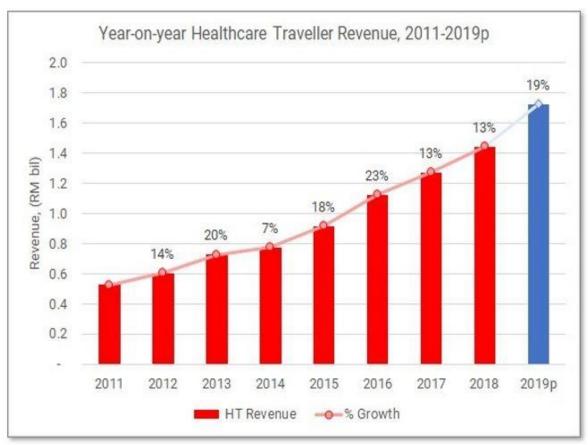




# **Malaysia Healthcare - Performance**







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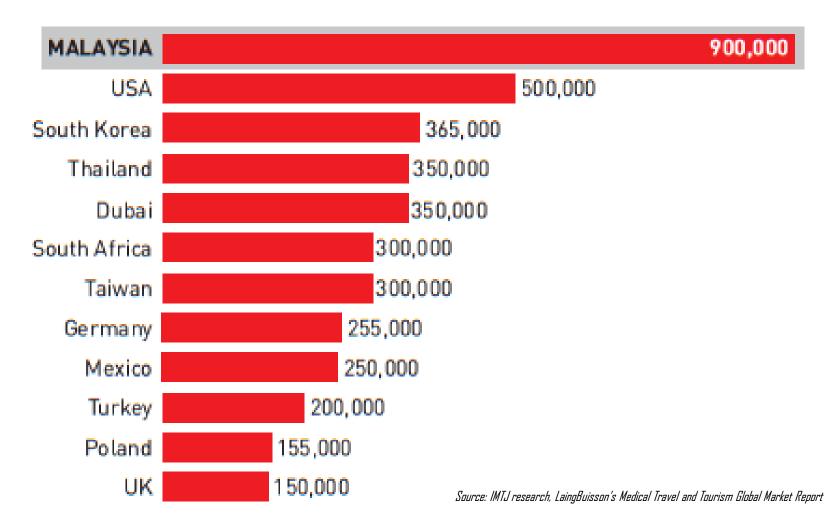
Source : Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council



 <sup>2019</sup>f data is the projected figure for 2019 for data as of March 2020



# Malaysia Ranked No.1 Among Top Medical Tourism Destinations 2018







# **Malaysia Healthcare - Performance**



















#### **Global Recognitions:**

- International Medical Travel Journal (IMTJ) Medical Travel Awards "Destination of the Year" 2015, 2016 2017 and 2020
- IMTJ "Health and Medical Tourism Cluster of the Year" 2017-2020
- International Living's Top Asian Country to Retire 2018
- International Living's Annual Global Retirement Index "Best Country for Healthcare" 2015 – 2019
- 2017 Asia Pacific Healthcare & Medical Tourism **Awards**
- 2015 2018 MasterCard-Crescentrating Global Muslim Travel Index - Top Country for Muslim Travel
- Global Health Consumer Choice Awards 2016
- Frost & Sullivan Asia Pacific Healthcare and Tourism Awards 2016
- World's Best Hospitals for Medical Tourists by Medical Travel Quality Alliance (MTQUA)



# Malaysia Wins Esteemed 'Destination of the Year' Title Once Again

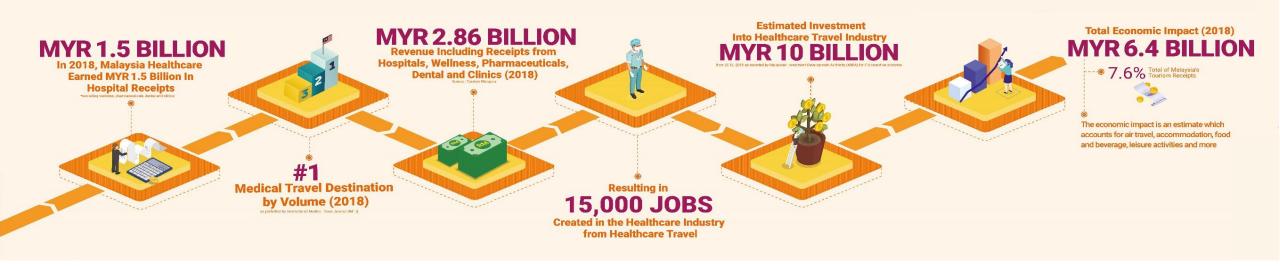






# **Malaysia Healthcare – Positive Impacts**

# **CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**



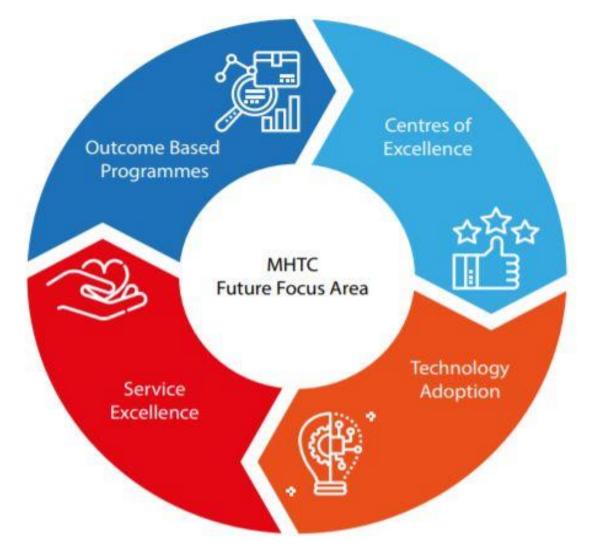
#### Healthcare travel is a key economic growth area under:

- Economic Transformation Programme (ETP)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (RMK-11)
- National Export Council (NEC)





# **Malaysia Healthcare – Future Focus Areas**







# Healthcare Travel Industry – Gaps & Challenges

i.Unfavourable	in-patient to o	ut-patient ratio	
i.Lack of stron	g healthcare tra	avel brand	
i.Shortage in c	ualified medica	al personnel	
i.Service capa	city utilisation li	mits	
i.Varied standa	ards of service		

i.Poor network and relationships in focus regions, resulting in

i.Rapid evolvement of healthcare traveller demands which

require fast, personal and effective response

i. Too reliant on traditional markets

little to no advocacy

# CHALLENGES

- i.Final mile conversion: Converting potential healthcare travellers into the country (low consumer brand equity)
- i.Building momentum and maintaining consistent branding and visibility including brand differentiation due to budget cuts
- i.Tug-of-war with competitors who have high investments in their respective healthcare travel industries
- i.Healthcare travellers' evolving needs and wants
- i.Fortification of focus markets' healthcare systems
- i.Reduction of outbound traffic from source countries
- i.Budgetary setbacks that led to financial constraints and delays in intended programmes and projects.
- i.Weak currency impacts marketing and promotional capabilities





# **Towards a Better Tomorrow**

(i)Offering a Holistic Healthcare Travel Journey (i)Embracing Digitalisation of Healthcare and Data Analytics

1.Government Relations – Bilateral/Multilateral Cooperation







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http://malaysiahealthcare.org/malaysia-healthcare-chronicles

