Cambridge-linked clinical research centre based in M’sia

SUNWAY Group, Sunway Medical Centre and the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation have partnered with Cambridge University in clinical research efforts.

The Sunway Clinical Research Centre, set up in 2009 will be a regional site partner of the University of Cambridge's School of Clinical Medicine.

It is the world’s first Cambridge-linked clinical research centre, and will involve the collaboration of researchers from a few institutions such as Cambridge University, Sunway University and Monash University.

“I'm looking for discoveries that can make us live longer and healthier, using science to prolong our wellbeing and lives,” said Sunway Group founder and chairman Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah at the second Cambridge-Oxford-Sunway Biomedical Symposium recently.

The research will focus on prevention, earlier diagnosis and improved treatments suited for the Asian genetic composition for a range of diseases.

“I hope things can happen fast and certain breakthroughs can be made,” added Cheah, who is also founding trustee of the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation.

An allocation of £5mil (RM27.5mil) will be set aside for projects from the collaboration over the next decade.

Cambridge University vice-chancellor Prof Stephen Toope said in a statement that with the collaboration, the parties involved are “poised to make a signal contribution to some of the world’s major medical challenges.” — BY CLARISSA CHUNG