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GREETINGS

Greetings Friends,

We're excited to connect with you this September! The last two months have been pretty eventful and there are a number of updates and stories we'd love to share with you. Allow us to begin by saying thank you! Your continued support means a lot to us. Writing these bulletins gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the journey you have enabled and empowered so far. We are grateful for you.

In this edition, we will share some exciting news on a significant award one of our scientists has been nominated for, expound on the potential of data and drugs combining to form cures, get up close and personal with a lead scientist to uncover her *raison d'etre*, and share the experience we gained through our first in person exhibition experience since the pandemic kept us online. We weren't kidding! There's been a lot going on and it's our joy to share and keep you informed.

As we propel ourselves into September, we cherish the opportunity to work alongside donors like you to build a future free of the fear of cancer for all of us Malaysians, and for the world beyond!

THE CANCER RESEARCH MALAYSIA TEAM

SCALING NEW HEIGHTS



Cancer Research Malaysia's very own Prof. Cheong Sok Ching is now a Regional Finalist in the Senior Scientist category for The Underwriters Laboratories- ASEAN-U.S. Science Prize for Women 2022! This year's competition recognises ASEAN women scientists for their outstanding work in AI adoption and development to improve the health and safety of more than 662 million people living in Southeast Asia.

Prof. Cheong and her team developed a mobile app called MeMoSA® (Mobile Mouth Screening Anywhere) for the detection of oral cancer, which enables patients in rural areas to receive timely diagnosis from specialists remotely. Asians account for more than 60% of global oral cancer cases with 70% of patients presenting late. With early diagnosis, patients have a cure rate of 80%. MeMoSA enables early detection of oral cancer and improves clinical follow up.

To learn more, check out Prof Cheong sharing about our AI driven digital health app [HERE](#).

DATA + DRUGS = CURES



Our immune system is a complex network of organs, cells and molecules that protects us from harmful foreign substances—such as bacteria, fungi and viruses. This is why unleashing the power of our body's immune system is a clever way to fight cancer.

Cancer immunotherapy, also known as immuno-oncology, is the up-and-coming treatment for cancer after surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy. For most other types of cancer therapies, there are many side effects, and response is often short-lived; but with immunotherapy, there are less side effects and some patients have sustained remission, giving them real hope of a cure.

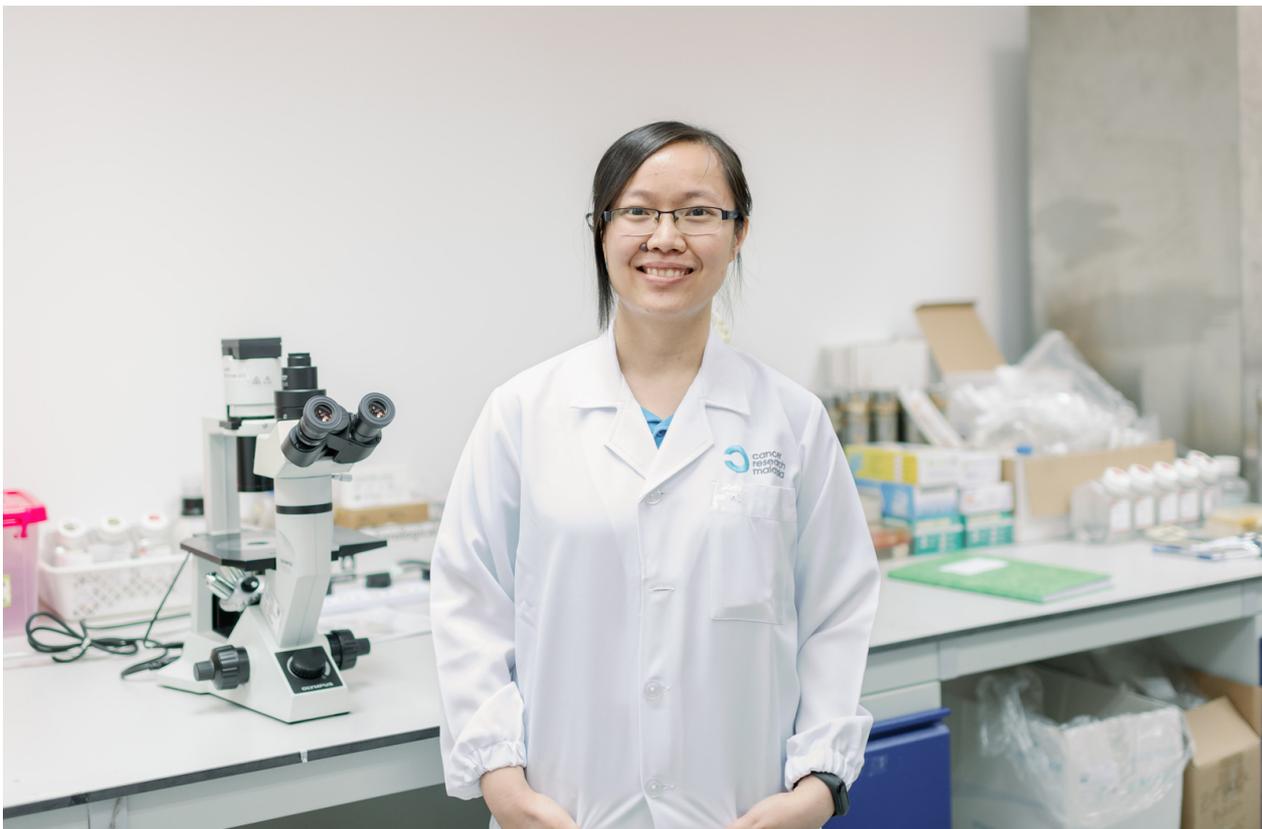
We are designing a cancer vaccine and combining it with immunotherapy to develop better combination therapies for cancers, in particular liver, lung and nasopharyngeal cancers that are prevalent in Malaysia.

Discover more about our latest combination therapies [HERE](#).

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Dr. Annie Chai has been working to improve the survival of oral cancer patients. Oral cancer is one of the most devastating and disfiguring malignancies. The survival rate for oral cancer has been low despite advances in treatment.

Having returned from her studies in Hong Kong, Dr Annie developed a strong conviction to contribute her science expertise to address research gaps present in Asian cancers.



PERSEVERANCE. PATIENCE. PASSION.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about Annie's journey and how she made her childhood dream a reality.

BACK WITH A BANG!

Alas, after a two-year hiatus from in person exhibitions, we are finally back in full swing! In mid-July this year, we took part in the International Medical Exhibition and Conference (IMEC EXPO 2022) at KL Convention Centre alongside 50 over exhibitors.

We held a public talk highlighting Cancer Research Malaysia's vision and mission while sharing many facets of our work in our effort to save lives through impactful research.

What's more, our promotional booth garnered interest from visitors who were keen to know more about who we are and what we do. We took the opportunity to share our key achievements among which are many Malaysian firsts, especially the development of MeMoSA® and our Patient Navigation Programme (1st healthcare system innovation that helps thousands of underserved women overcome barriers to timely diagnosis, treatment, and care).

We can't thank you enough for supporting and empowering us to get to where we are. Onward, Towards A Future Free of The Fear of Cancer!

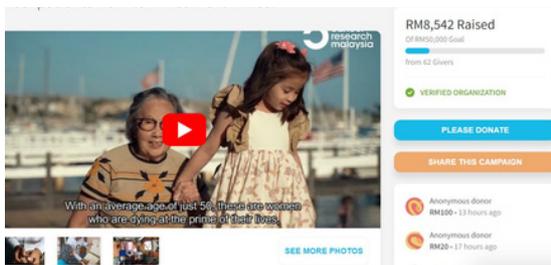


CONCLUSION

A future free of the fear of cancer is a future worth fighting for. When fear strikes and dresses a cancer patient in patient garments, HOPE meets them in the form of research and brings relief.

Your support and contribution help ensure our work continues to grow, our scientists continue to thrive, and cancer patients continue to be given the best shot at beating the odds and becoming real life heroes. Thank you for impacting real lives.

Here are some additional ways you can convey your support:



Help us Help OTHERS

We are running a fundraising campaign on GIVE.asia to raise funds for low-income women to enable transportation support to hospitals, aftercare services, and post-surgery garments including prosthetics and mastectomy bras.

Click [HERE](#) to support this campaign and share it with someone you know today.



Compelled to support our work further?

Contact our Engagement Team at +6012 680 8330 or email us at info@cancerresearch.my

We'd love to hear from you!

Until next time, take care and stay safe!



We thank you for your continued support!
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