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Abdul Fattah (centre) witnesses the exchange of MoU documents between Mohamad Azmi (fourth left) and Wong.

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SIBU: Angkatan Koperasi Malaysia Bhd (Angkasa) and Koperasi Sumbesta Bhd have entered into an agreement on a private hospital project in Kuching.

It is said that the proposed hospital, with an estimated gross development cost (GDC) of RM200 million, would be sited at Jalan Song in the state capital.

According to Angkasa president Datuk Abdul Fattah Abdullah, the key objective behind the project is promote further health tourism in Sarawak and its surrounding region.

"Malaysia is one of the favourite destinations for health tourism. The (medical and

health) facilities here are among the best (in the region), plus its competitive treatment costs.

"Throughout 2018, there were 32 million tourists visiting Malaysia and 1.1 million from the total figure comprised those coming for the purpose of obtaining health treatments.

"With the membership of Angkasa in the ACO (Asean Cooperatives Organisation), which has 64 million members from throughout the region, we are confident of being able to attract more tourists to come to Malaysia to have health treatments – this would help boost our country's economy," he spoke during Angkasa Sarawak's 'Gawai

Raya 2019' event at a hotel here yesterday.

The function also saw the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the GDC investment for the private hospital project between the two parties.

The signatories were Angkasa vice-president Mohamad Azmi Omaruddin and Koperasi Sumbesta chairman Nicholas Wong.

Adding on, Abdul Fattah said the project could either take off by the end of this year, or early next year.

"The proposed development on a three-acre land at Jalan Song in Kuching would include a private hospital with a 33-bed

capacity and 300 units of serviced apartments – each to have two rooms.

"The serviced apartment units will belong to the cooperative (Angkasa), meaning that the cooperative will purchase the apartment units and after that, it will rent out the rooms based on the 'condominium hotel' concept; then we will hand them over to the cooperative (Koperasi Sumbesta) to be managed," he added.

On Angkasa's involvement in health tourism, Abdul Fattah said the reason was because the national cooperative body wanted to provide the facilities to all its members, as a way to look after their welfare.

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