

# Scientex Foundation to promote health awareness

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SCIENTEX Bhd, a diversified group with interests in manufacturing and property, has moved a step forward in its corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities with the setting up of Scientex Foundation.

Incorporated on June 26 2008, the non-profit entity is committed towards the goal of better health for people through collaboration with various organisations, especially those involved in healthcare.


Scientex Foundation, a brainchild of Scientex's founders the Lim family, will among others be involved in the prevention and treatment of cancer and other diseases and illness through education and medical research, and also in fostering a healthy environment.

"In line with Scientex's tagline, 'Healthy, friendly and happy,' we hope the foundation will be able to play its role to promote health and environmental awareness among the people," Scientex executive director Gary B.C. Tan said in an interview.

He said the company has allocated a sum of RM1 million to fund initial programmes of the foundation in the first year of operations.

He said besides its own yearly contributions, Scientex also hopes to receive contributions from its business partners, suppliers, corporate companies and the public at large.

Tan said as a start, Scientex Foundation will work closely with four charitable and non-government organisations namely the National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM), Alzheimer's Disease Foundation Malaysia (ADFM), National Cancer

A portrait of Gary B.C. Tan, Scientex executive director, wearing glasses and a suit, looking slightly to the right.

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Council (Makna) and Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association (MPMA).

"Our association with MPMA will be to educate the public on environmental issues such as climate change, energy crisis, protection of natural resources and ways to develop a more sustainable future," he said.

In the area of healthcare, Scientex Foundation will work together with NCSM, ADFM and Makna in various healthcare programmes and provide funds and financial assistance to poor and needy patients.

"We also intend to set up a research centre to enable patients to seek early detection and preventive healthcare services for the treatment of such diseases and illness," Tan said.

He said that the foundation is governed by a six-member board of trustees and a six-member executive committee which guides the entity's management team in the execution of daily operational and financial matters, as well as determine its activities and overall direction.