



## **Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, on 2013 World's Best Hospitals List for Medical Tourists**

*Hospital features on Medical Travel Quality Alliance's annual list for fourth time in a row*

**Bangalore, May 2013:** Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, has been ranked No. 4 on the 2013 World's Best Hospitals list for Medical Tourists. The hospital, which is part of India's largest healthcare chain, has been recognised for the fourth consecutive year by the Medical Travel Quality Alliance (MTQUA).

MTQUA is an independent organisation set up in 2009 to promote safety and quality in treatment for medical tourists. The organisation assesses participating hospitals across the globe on a variety of parameters ranging from medical quality and outcomes, communication and care, value for service, safety and security, and attention to the special needs of medical travellers.

"People travelling abroad for medical treatment are vulnerable to perils like high risk of infections, over-medication, wrong or poor quality medication, overcharging and deliberately prolonged hospital stays," said an MTQUA representative.

"This recognition validates our global standing as an institute of clinical excellence and reinforces our commitment to all our patients," said **Mr. P Davison, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospitals Bangalore**. "We have also been ranked as the best hospital in Bangalore for cardiac care by the 8th annual Outlook Hospital Survey, 2012," he added.

The medical tourism market is currently estimated to be around US\$100 billion and is expected to grow to US\$ 130 by 2015 at a compound annual growth rate of 15-20%. India is emerging as a major medical tourism destination with more than 1,80,000 visitors travelling to India on a medical visa every year. India's share of the revenue from medical tourism stands at around US\$1.5 billion, and is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 25-30% by 2015. Access to highly specialised doctors and paramedics, sophisticated medical technology and world-class facilities at a much lower cost when compared to developed countries are among the key drivers of medical tourism in India.

Fortis Hospital Bannerghatta had about 650 patients who travelled from various parts of the world like Central, East and West part of Africa, Middle East and some of them also travelled from US and Europe. These patients availed tertiary care treatment in specialties like cardiac surgery, knee replacement, complex urological procedures, and brain and spine surgeries.

The hospital is a 400-bed multi-specialty tertiary care hospital has over 150 consultants and 800 paramedical staff. The facility offers services in 40 specialties such as cardiology, cardiac surgery, urology, orthopaedics, neurology, and neurosurgery. The hospital commenced operations in 1999, and is credited with introducing technologies such as custom fit knee and HIFU (High Intensity Focussed Ultrasound) technology for prostate cancer to India.

### **About Fortis Healthcare Limited**

Fortis Healthcare Limited is an integrated healthcare delivery service provider in Asia. The healthcare verticals of the company span primary care, diagnostics, day care speciality and hospitals, with a healthcare network spanning 12 countries. Currently, the company operates its healthcare delivery network in India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam, Dubai, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Australia, New Zealand with 70 healthcare facilities



(including projects under development), over 11,000 potential beds, over 600 primary care centres, over 190 day care speciality centres, over 240 diagnostic centres, over 22,500 employees together with approximately 2,000 people employed at our managed healthcare facilities.