

Abdul Latif Jameel to bring state-of-the-art spinal treatment technology to Saudi Arabia

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- Announcement coincides with visit of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud to Japan

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Abdul Latif Jameel today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Japanese company CYBERDYNE, Inc. to bring state-of-the-art technology to Saudi Arabia that helps patients who have suffered traumatic spinal injuries.

Coinciding with King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud's visit to Japan this week, Abdul Latif Jameel has signed an MoU on CYBERDYNE's Cybernic treatment and its revolutionary Hybrid Assistive Limb (HAL), a form of robotic technology that can regenerate, improve, support and expand patients' brain-neuro-physical functions.

Mohammed Abdul Latif Jameel, Chairman and CEO of Abdul Latif Jameel, said: "Thanks to advances in medicine and technology, patients should be able to lead better quality lives after suffering major spinal injuries. CYBERDYNE are at the forefront of developing highly advanced medical technology, and the MoU will bring this technology to patients in Saudi Arabia, which aims for transforming lives for the better."

The MoU was signed by Mohammed Abdul Latif Jameel and Prof. Yoshiyuki Sankai, president and CEO of CYBERDYNE, Inc.

The technology will initially be available at Abdul Latif Jameel Hospital, which specializes in medical rehabilitation, in Jeddah, with the plan to roll-out the technology across the country at a later date.

More than 13,000 people suffered traumatic spinal injuries in Saudi Arabia in 2015, according to official Saudi government statistics.

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About Abdul Latif Jameel

Abdul Latif Jameel refers broadly to distinct separate and independent legal entities whose interests encompass automotive distribution, auto parts manufacturing, financial services, renewable energy, environmental services, land and real estate development, logistics, electronics retailing and media services. Abdul Latif Jameel positions itself as a preferred business partner primarily for inward investment into the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey (MENAT) region. For more information, please visit: www.alj.com

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About Abdul Latif Jameel Hospital

Abdul Latif Jameel Hospital, founded in 1995, is the first of its kind in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia that specializes in medical rehabilitation. It is a non profit hospital that covers an area of 43,000sqm that provides comprehensive rehabilitation and preventive care programs for pediatric and adult population. The hospital provides excellent medical rehabilitation programs for inpatient, day care and outpatient. The facility has 8 wards with 120 beds capacity. Patient's rooms, treatment and relaxation areas all overlooked individual landscaped gardens. Separate mosque and wards for male and female patients. For more information, please visit www.aljhospital.com

About CYBERDYNE, Inc.

Based on its corporate philosophy, "Technology exists for humans and society", the Cyberdyne challenges to shape the future through creation of "human assistive industry", which is a new industry centered around medicine, living support and labor support. Ever since its founding in 2004 as a spin-off venture from the University of Tsukuba, Japan, the Cyberdyne has researched and developed innovative Cybernic technologies, to solve various problems that the society faces, including the Robot Suit HAL to provide innovative medical treatments.

Cybernic" (adjective: Cybernic) is a new academic field that is centered around cybernetics, mechatronics and informatics fused/combined with various other fields including brain/neuroscience, robotics, biology, behavioral science, psychology, law, ethics, and business administration, promoted by Prof. Yoshiyuki Sankai.