

# Ceylinco Healthcare Offers Proton Therapy



*R Renganathan, Chairman, Ceylinco Healthcare Services Limited (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Dr Prathap Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals (center) exchange the agreement in the presence of (from left) Prof Rohan Jayasekera, Medical Director, CHSL; Thushara Ranasinghe, Director, CHSL; and Tharuka De Silva, General Manager, CHSL.*

In collaboration with Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, the first and only Proton Therapy facility in the Southeast Asian region, Ceylinco Healthcare Services (CHSL) is geared to offer proton therapy. Proton Therapy, the most advanced form of radiation treatment available in the world, is now more accessible and affordable for cancer patients in Sri Lanka following the appointment of CHSL as a Medical Affiliate of Apollo Hospitals, India (AHEL).

Patients undergoing treatment at CHSL's two radiation treatment centers in Colombo can now be referred to the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre in Chennai if proton therapy is recommended, and undergo treatment at a preferred partner program specified under the agreement between the two institutions.

The Apollo Proton Cancer Centre in Chennai is the most advanced cancer care center with pencil beam technology and the ability to deliver intensity modulated proton therapy (IMPT) image-guided and patient positioning systems, and is aided by the most sophisticated proton treatment planning systems.

"We are already offering advanced radiation oncology in Sri Lanka via TomoTherapy and Linear Accelerator ensuring that our patients receive the latest and most comprehensive treatment at the most affordable price," R Renganathan, Chairman, CHSL said. "We are not providing proton therapy cur-

rently or in the near future, and therefore decided to partner with APCC and provide access to patients who will need this form of treatment.”

“We are pleased to have entered into a clinical partnership with Ceylinco Healthcare as part of the access to proton therapy programme at Apollo Proton Cancer Centre. Patients that would benefit from Proton therapy will now be able to access the most advanced care cancer center and thus strengthen their battle against cancer and improve their quality of life,” Dinesh Madhavan, President, Group Oncology and International at AHEL said.