Introduction
The history of medicine and the healing environment we promote today in healthcare design is not a new phenomenon. It has been a continuous effort and evolution throughout centuries, by caregivers and institutions that have strived to create an environment as comforting factors to human wellbeing. With or without religious evidences, the move to provide appropriate environment under their care is a natural humane action of taking care from Man to Man. It is an intuitive, honest, and sincere consideration that reflects the utmost form of respect to the environment of people of that day based on their faiths / beliefs and not on any worldly gains. Today, with advance medical technology and the circumstantial demand on healthcare services and industry, hospitals begin to mushroom seemingly beautiful but without the soul. Why is this so?

Live opportunity for research and realization came with the Malaysian government’s approval for a new hospital in the country to international Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in 2008.

With teaching and learning worldview of IIUM fundamentally based on the Al-Qur’an and Sunnah, to seek the fundamental essence of Islamic hospitals of the glorious past for the new proposed project, which will be more future-oriented.

Cainal to Muslims beliefs and livelihood to be constantly be reminded of the Creator and always in the state of doing good deeds if God for Allah’s blessings only, the project should be able to support holistically the spiritual, mental and physical contemplations to its realisation with ease. Available research and findings on the subject inspire the making of this new teaching hospital through Ibadh-friendly concept.

Objectives
This paper thus intends
(i) to share the research findings on what makes the hospital with a soul and Ibadh-friendly.
(ii) to design the physical evolution process of shaping the new proposed hospital to assimilate the past with current demands on the state of the art tertiary institution.

As a design based paper, exclusions to details irrelevant in the discussion is intentional. Though project as a hospital is yet to be built, in the spirit of Ibadh, the findings made should be shared and discuss in the shaping of a hospital of the future, with a soul, wolkhaloom (only Allah knows!)

Methodology Adopted For This Research
Through qualitative approach of literature reviews, observations, discussions, workshops, interviews and meetings from all parties (user-client of academic background, and the contractors (with design consultants)) team under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) procurement system, data information extracted through project briefing and design development to current development stage prior construction were consolidated and analysed through dialogues and series of graphical representation, models, 3D's and analysis report.

For the purpose of this design based paper, a vivid description on the initial conception of the hospital project for IIUM, based from learning of the bimaristan, the shariah or Islamic law and industry experiences were extracted.

Limitations
As an academic exercise which require a period to reflect, test and act upon, the process do not necessarily correspond to the actual work executed on the life project which is time and availability driven.

The whole project procurement process had been a top down instruction. Hence this fast track research had been an innovative act of the team to work within the limit time frame with practical on the spot decisions as (input guiding the process)

Analysis and Findings
The primary recovery and making the dream, as envisage, a reality is not an easy task for both client (IIUM) and the provider (architect and contractor). While financial resources are scarce so were the implementation schedule.

From the past: Shaping of the hospital for its purpose in the Islamic world then, as described in the literature, were based on the Islamic philosophy that provide both pathogenic and salutogenic factors unique at the period of time. It was a collective effort from all walks of life. And parties derived from the ancient Greeks, Indian subcontinent and others based on research, whom Muslims regards as knowledge from God; i.e. practical, scientifically proven, aesthetically pleasing and morally evolving for the betterment of Mankind. Possibly it makes a basis for modern teaching hospital that met not only the requirements for doctors but also for pharmacists, nurses and the act of governing the institution without demarcation of belief, ethnicity or every rank. Vivid description of the planning, layout, character and ambiance that addresses both pathogenic and salutogenic treatment were earmarked as the essence of Bimaristan.

From the current process: Both client and building team had different expectation s towards the project. The client, inspired from the Islamic medicine as part of the teaching and research agenda of the hospital with state of the art facilities expects a modern hospital with essence of newness. The building team, on the other hand, technically, time and fund bound was interested in providing a “functional and efficient “ facility with “Islamic pattern” skin. However through interaction process of sincerely understanding needs and intends of the project, a tolerable solution within the given perimeter that re-shape and form the hospital, were made as. When both of the project philosophy of the project, the solution is not static but stays evolving, redefining, refined and thus executed with a clear confidence. Although full trust between client and the building team is yet to be established, finding made from constant interaction and communication for decision between client and building team for a common goal, is positive. Thus, the process should be continued to keep updated for transparency. A full in the information delivery towards the project and the client constitute an unclear process and thus create doubt as well as anxiety to the Client on how the building team shaped the Bimaristan of today to the needs of the hospital as a teaching hospital with a soul.

Conclusion thus far
Translating them to meet current and future needs, for all purpose and intent, the hospital has to work efficiently. The matrices of converging the dynamism of clinical teaching, evolving technology of change, focus and the essence of the salutogenic bimaristan solution to patient and staff care, had been a continuous effort.

Although the answers to the questions lies on the basic intention or niyah of the implementors; which is beyond the physical interpretation, what is felt as sign of sincerity in the shaping of the facility would be the following:

(i) the transparent process of implementation,
(ii) the clear design outcomes that support the functions that includes consideration for the entire environment, safety for Man as per sharia law; and
(iii) the acceptance of the people-users (clients-patient/staff/students) to have met their optimum needs to function as care giver, teacher, researcher, learner and appreciative patients. Perfection, through working towards excellence or Ijtima is an act of Ibadh. It itself is a dynamic process based on knowledge and know how that are situational based and within capacity and means. The live on-going experiment on the teaching hospital for International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), as an Ibadh Friendly Hospital, however small the effort is physically seen, will hopefully be the testament to others seeking the same intention, in trying to meet to this unending

The Proposed Outcome as perceived by Architect (for now-2012)