

## **Jingzhi Keshou Tanchuan Pill registered in Malaysia is safe for consumption**

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13<sup>th</sup> May, Kuala Lumpur – The Senior Director of Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health, Madam Eisah bt. Abdul Rahman pointed out that the result of analytical test conducted by the Drug Control Authority showed that “Jingzhi Keshou Tanchuan Pill” sold locally does not contain Aristolochic Acid.

According to Madam Eisah, at present there are only two registered products in Malaysia which contain Aristolochic Acid and five registered products containing Aristolochia Species. To date, the ministry has not received any complaints on adverse effects related to the consumption of these products.

It was reported in China Press on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 that a warning was issued by the Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency of United Kingdom regarding “Jingzhi Keshou Tanchuan Pill” from China which was found to contain Aristolochic Acid and may result in cancer. The above medication was re-packed in white plastic bottles and sold in the United Kingdom.

Aristolochic Acid may result in the regression of the kidney function as well as cancer especially cancer of the urinary tract.