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Professor Dr. Soo-Hwang Teo is the founding Chief Executive of Cancer Research Malaysia, Malaysia's first independent cancer research non-profit organization, which is specifically focused on research of cancers prevalent in Asia. Prof Teo's team leads the first and most comprehensive study building a risk stratified approach for screening in Asian women, which allows more efficient and equitable screening and prevention to Asian women at higher risk of breast cancer. In addition, Prof Teo's team leads the largest study of genomic profiles of Asian breast cancers, which provides critical insights into treatment and survival in Asian women. This has led directly to the development of the first investigator-led clinical trial to test new therapies in Asian breast cancer patients. In 2014, Prof Teo's team piloted a nurse and community-led programme which has transformed the survival of underserved Malaysian breast cancer patients. This Patient Navigation Programme has now become a national network adopted by Ministry of Health. Prof Teo's team works jointly with international cancer research leaders in Cambridge, USA and Australia and CRM is the first organisation in South East Asia to be awarded a collaborative science award from the Wellcome Trust in London. She is one of the most highly cited Malaysian scientists in medicine. In addition to her research leadership, Prof Teo has led efforts in the development of health and science policy, having chaired the Familial Section of the Clinical Practice Guidelines for breast cancer, contributed to the Malaysian National Cancer Control Plan and co-chaired the Medical and Health Sciences Discipline group of the Academy of Sciences. For her contributions to medical research, Prof Teo was awarded an Honorary Officer of the British Empire from Queen Elizabeth in 2017 and the Dato' Sultan Sharifuddin Idris Shah Award in 2018. The OBE is particularly significant as she is the only female scientist in living memory to have won the award in Malaysia.