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10,000 more Covid-19 antigen test kits for Sabah

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By MUGUNTAN VANAR



East Malaysia Planters Association's Thomas Lim (left) hands over Covid-19 extraction kits to Dr Joloris Dony (right) the director Sabah Public Health Laboratories.

KOTA KINABALU: A local non- governmental organisation is helping to source and supply another 10,000 Covid-19 antigen test kits for laboratories in Sabah.

Osimal Foundation chairman Tan Sri Richard Malanjum said that they have just placed an order for 4,000 kits which was expected to be in by the weekend and another 6,000 kits was due in a second shipment.

He said the demand for the antigen test kits were continuous as they were used by the labs carrying out tests round the clock on samples taken from all over the state," he added.

Osimal, a non-profit foundation, has been working closely with the state government and donors to coordinate purchases of medical equipment among others to meet the needs of the laboratories and hospitals in the state. The medical authorities here were seeking the more reliable Covid-19 antigen tests, Malanjum said, adding there was no request from the local medics for the rapid Covid 19 test kits.

"So far Osimal has not received any request from government hospitals yet for a rapid test kit," he said.

"We have a supplier for rapid test kits ready to help but so far, we were told it is not really reliable because even more advanced countries were still using the conventional PCR (polymerise chain reaction) method," he said.

Last month, 10,000 Covid-19 antigen test kits worth US\$200,000 (about RM900,000) were brought in by Osimal through funding of the state government and a Johor based foundation.

On Tuesday, East Malaysia Planters Association donated 13,000 Covid 19 extraction kits worth RM100,000 for the Sabah Public Laboratory here.

"Osimal just facilitated for the planters association to buy the extraction kits and transport it to Sabah," said Malanjum, the former Chief Justice of Malaysia.

Among other efforts carried out by Osimal was to purchase personal protection suits, face masks and other medical equipment to help frontliners fighting the spread of Covid-19.

"We are constantly helping where we can.

"We have also been sending rations to poor families in rural areas of Sabah, if there is a request or we hear of the need of certain groups of people," he said.

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Osimal Foundation continues to lend a helping hand to medical frontliners

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Osimal Foundation trustee Datuk Nellie Sikodol (right) handing over the medical supplies to the Hospital Mesra Bukit Padang in Kota Kinabalu from where it will be distributed to hospitals in the state.

KOTA KINABALU: Osimal Foundation continued to support the needs of Sabah's frontline medical workers bringing in more supplies for hospitals statewide.

The foundation sent some 2,700 pieces of N95 facemasks from South Korea and China, 6,850 pairs of boot covers, and 3,000 three-ply face masks to be stored at Hospital Mesra Bukit Padang before they are distributed to hospitals across the state.

Osimal Foundation chairman Tan Sri Richard Malanjun said that over RM350,000 worth of 3,000 personal protection suits, 5,000 face shields as well as N95 facemasks will be brought in next week, at the latest.

He said the biggest contributor for the masks were Kuala Lumpur based international insurance company MCIS, a member of the Sanlam Group based South Africa.

"MCIS is donating RM320,000 of the RM359,00 to help purchase the PPEs, face shields and boot covers," he said, adding that the foundation would cover the rest of the cost through other donors.

He said that the foundation has been getting help from ordinary people and businesses who have donated large sums to help ease the challenges faced by the frontliners.

"We are so thankful to them all. We will continue to assist in helping our frontliners," said Malanjun, the former Malaysian chief justice.

On April 3, Osimal together with Johor based Datuk Chua Song Lim and Datin Koh Said Eng Foundation helped source some 10,000 Covid-19 testing reagent kits from Singapore as stocks for the reagents had nearly run out in Sabah.

The state government also contributed to the purchase of the reagents worth US\$200,000 (about RM900,000).

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Sabah gets much-needed Covid-19 test kits, medical supplies flown in

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The crucial medical supplies for Sabah being unloaded from RMAF aircraft that arrived from Subang on Friday.

KOTA KINABALU: Some 5,000 Covid-19 reagent test kits along with other critically low medical supplies were flown into Sabah from Kuala Lumpur by the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).

The reagents were acquired by the non-governmental organisation (NGO) Osimal Foundation together with Dato Chua Song Lim and the Datin Koh Sai Eng Foundation as well as state government funds and are expected to help the state's Health Department carry out tests on the backlog of some 3,000 to 4,000 samples from suspected Covid-19 patients.

Osimal Foundation chairman Tan Sri Richard Malanjun said that Covid-19 reagents were sourced from Singapore and they expect it to be sufficient for another three weeks.



"It is not easy to get it as there is a high demand for it from across the world. We are trying to get further stock as soon as possible. Sellers expect cash payments," said Malanjun.

The former chief justice of Malaysia also said that the 5,000 kits were part of 10,000 kits worth about RM900,000 (US\$200,000) ordered.

The 5,000 kits were the first batch and they expect the remaining 5,000 to arrive by Saturday (April 4). The state government funded RM700,000 while the rest was from the two foundations.



Royal Malaysian Air Force helped fly in crucial medical supplies for Sabah Health Department Friday. Seen is Sabah State secretary Datuk Safar Untong (fourth from left) and Osimal Foundation chairman Tan Sri Richard Malanjun (fifth from left) among other officials at and the RMAF crew at Terminal Two of Kota Kinabalu International Airport.

"We are sourcing our items directly from factories and not through middlemen, so the cost is cheaper," he said at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport terminal two here where senior Sabah state secretary Datuk Safar Untong and Sabah Medical Department director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi were present.

Dr Rundi said that they hoped to speed up the process of testing through the Kota Kinabalu Medical laboratory, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital lab and also the lab at University Malaysia Sabah.

"They are optimising the machines and carrying out up to 700 to 800 tests a day," she said.

Meanwhile, Safar said that among the medical goods sent in by the Federal Government were 200,000 facemasks, 50,000 gloves, 10,000 litres of sanitizers and a variety of medical equipment among others for medical frontliners.

He said the medical equipment was for the Sabah Health Department to use in its hospitals, clinics, 37 quarantine centres, and other frontline staff.

Dr Rundi said that it was the second time the RMAF flew in medical equipment and other goods for the department since the Covid-19 situation began.

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OSIMAL FOUNDATION BRINGS IN RM50,000 WORTH OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR SABAH HOSPITALS

April 16, 2020



By **ILONA ANDREW**

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah's frontline medical workers get a boost from Osimal Foundation which continues to bring in more supplies for hospitals statewide.

Over the last two days, the foundation has brought 2,700 pieces of N95 facemasks from South Korea and China, 6,850 pairs of boot covers, and 3,000 three-ply facemasks all worth RM50,000 to the store at Hospital Mesra Bukit Padang to be distributed to hospitals in Sabah.

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“MCIS is donating RM320,000 of the RM360,000 to help purchase the protective personal equipment (PPE), face shields and boot covers,” he said, adding that the foundation would cover the rest of the cost through other donors.



He said that the foundation has been getting support from various big and small donors such as Sea Hibiscus Sdn Bhd, Pembinaan Azam Jaya Sdn Bhd, Kinabalu Golf Club, Borneo Housing Mortgage Finance Bhd, Yayasan Amanah Assofwah Almalikiyyah (Dato Kamaruddin Meranun of Air Asia), state-owned Sabah Energy Corp and Berjaya Land.

He said many people have come forward to donate from sums of RM10,000 to whatever they can afford to help ease the challenges faced by the frontliners.

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Sipitang interior folks not forgotten

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The recipients pose with the food supply they received from MCIS and Osimal Foundation.

SIPITANG: Two NGOs - Jihier Moral Uplifting Society Kota Kinabalu and Buddhist Missionary Society Malaysia (Sabah branch) jointly organised a charity drive to channel food aid to some 500 villagers, facing food shortage in Kg Iburu, here, recently.

Spokesperson Tan Peng Juan, who is also Jihier Moral Uplifting Society Kota Kinabalu Charity Division head, said they contributed 150 packs of food aid containing rice packs, cooking oil, sugar, canned of sardines, instant noodles, dry noodles, salt, and flour, among others, to some 150 rural households involving 500 people residing in the village

The villagers are affected by enforcement of the Movement Control Order (MCO) following the Covid-19 outbreak which made it difficult for them to buy basic necessities and food. "Most of them whom are farmers and had no income for more than a month as they cannot get their produce to the market and Tamu ground as all are closed during this MCO period." Tan said, all the food packs were handed to Sipitang District Officer-cum-District Natural Disaster Management Committee Chairman, Matlin Dullah, who will distribute the aid to the villagers.

On normal days, he said the villagers have no transport and thus, many would pay for car pool to go to the township here.

Also present were Buddhist Missionary Society Malaysia Sabah Branch chairman Richard Yong Swee Lin accompanied by his committee members Tan, Sim Chee Pin, Shin Kwang Ming, Tee Ah Chong, to distribute the dry food items for 500 villagers in Kg Iburu here. Meanwhile MCIS and Osimal Foundation reached out to some 500 households located in and around the rural localities of northern Sabah. Osimal Foundation's Chairman Tan Sri Richard Malanjum said "The supplies would last for about two weeks and are on their way to families who depend largely on selling their fresh farm produce in small towns for income."

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RM50,000 worth of facemasks, boot covers for frontliners

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Nellie (right) presents the contribution to Douglas.

KOTA KINABALU: Osimal Foundation contributed RM50,000 worth of facemasks and boot covers in their continuous support of the State's frontline medical personnel.

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Present to hand-over the facemasks and boot covers was Osimal Foundation trustee Datuk Nellie Sikodol to Hospital Mesra Bukit Padang Deputy Director Dr Douglas Mitchell Joinol JR.

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Root private clinic closed for non-cause coronary disease · Sand Health Bureau: for disinfection

Sabah Coast

(Kota Kinabalu, 23rd) The Sabah Health Bureau clarified that a private clinic in Sandakan, which was ordered to be closed, was for disinfection work, not because of confirmed cases like online transmission.

Sabah Health Director Datuk Dr. Christina said yesterday that there were reports that the private clinic in Sandakan was due to treatment of a patient with a sporadic case diagnosed in one of Sandakan's coronary diseases. Was ordered to close.

"The Sabah Health Bureau clarifies here that the clinic is closed because of disinfection."

It is false news to find a patient diagnosed by Kudat

In a statement published yesterday, she also referred to a piece of information circulating on Facebook alleging that the authorities were looking for a patient diagnosed by Kudat, which was false news.

It is understood that a few days ago, a public posted a report about the whereabouts of a diagnosed patient from the local health bureau in Kudat's social group. The license plate requires the public to pay attention.

In addition, Christina also thanked the East Malaysian Growers Association (EMPA), the Osimal Foundation and the Sabah Real Estate Developers Association and other organizations for their assistance and material donations to the Sabah Health Bureau.