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# FSG Led PPE Mission for Sabah Frontliners



Malaysia had its first sharp increase in COVID-19 cases in October 2020. Sabah was one of the states that had been badly affected by the coronavirus and faced a health crisis due to the highest number of red zones. The frontliners were working overtime to screen, monitor and treat patients, which had caused a critical shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) across the health facilities in Sabah.

In the spirit of volunteerism and community building which Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) is known for, the Faculty of Applied Sciences (FSG) initiated a mission to supply PPE for the frontliners in Sabah. A special UiTM's taskforce was established and led by Associate Professor Datin Dr Arnis Asmat from FSG. The PPE mission to Sabah had received full support and cooperation from many departments in UiTM including Zakat, Alms and Endowment Division, Faculty of Art and Design (FSSR) of UiTM Shah Alam, UiTM Sabah Branch as well as Alumni Network Centre (ANC) of the Office of Industry, Community & Alumni Network (ICAN), UiTM. The Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) was also involved in delivering the PPE to Sabah.

The programme started in October 2020 in which a total of 1200 sets of PPE were successfully produced by alumni of FSSR, UiTM Shah Alam under the Service Learning Malaysia - University for Society (SULAM) Programme. On 10 December 2020, the RMAF flew a plane carrying the PPE and safely landed at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA2 Cargo). The Sabah State Health Department expressed their deepest gratitude to all UiTM and RMAF staff for the great assistance provided to Sabah health facilities. The synergy shown by all parties in ensuring the success of this programme has had a significant impact in overcoming the challenges posed by COVID-19 and instilling the spirit of *#kitajagakita*.





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