



Media Release

For Immediate Release

Samling Contributes Critical Medical Equipment and Supplies to Assist Covid-19 Mitigation Efforts

MIRI: The country's timber giant, Samling Group of companies, in solidarity on the fight against the Covid-19 outbreak, is donating the first batch of medical supplies to several general hospitals in the State.

According to the Samling Group's CEO Lawrence Chia, those items would be distributed to the general hospitals namely in Miri; Bintulu, Sarikei, Lawas and all other nearby general hospitals/government clinics.

"Those items would include the real time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machine which is needed to trace the coronavirus or Covid-19's genetic material and some hazardous material suits for medical workers," he opined when contacted by a local media agency.

Chia added, that 8-10 tonnes of medical supplies including a large quantity of surgical masks, body suits and thermometers destined for Sarawak will be brought in using cargo plane.

"Samling is always looking for ways to relieve shortages of much-needed medical supplies in our hospitals," he pointed out.

Chia said, that they are doing everything that is humanly possible to secure as much of medical supplies as they can.

"Our brave healthcare workers and first-responders are on the front lines of keeping us safe," he disclosed.

He added, healthcare workers are working tirelessly to care for people affected by the pandemic.

"Our nation depends on these heroes (healthcare workers) every day and days ahead we will depend on them even more, here in Miri, we want them to know that they can depend on us too," he said.

He observed, that some supplies have been difficult to come by in some of the areas, especially in the rural.

"Samling Group of companies felt it was imperative to do our part and dedicate whatever resources we have to assist our government with shortages in the healthcare," he explained.

He is also giving assurance that medical products or supplies purchased from China are working properly.



Recently, some of the European countries, have returned a huge amount of medical equipment from China on ground of quality standards.

He further added that Samling Group of Companies will continue to support Miri hospital and the government both in the short and long term, as the country fights to control the outbreak.

Chia lauded the government's effort in announcing tighter regulation for the second stage of the movement control order (MCO) which would be ended on April 14.

Earlier, the government had implemented the first stage of 14-day MCO on March 18.