



FROM LEFT: UOB Brunei and UOB Asset Management Brunei join the SCOT Social Kitchen to donate meals to healthcare workers on the frontline; and Indian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam Ajaneesh Kumar handing over the contribution to Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health Haji Maswadi bin Haji Mohsin. PHOTOS: MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INDIA HIGH COMMISSION IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM & SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND TRAINING SOCIAL KITCHEN

Standing united through the storm

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The nation stands united in helping the government stem the second wave of the COVID-19 outbreak, evident with the daily contributions made to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and frontliners.

The Indian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam has pitched in 44 cartons of scrubs, face masks and hand sanitisers, presented by Indian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam Ajaneesh Kumar to Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health Haji Maswadi bin Haji Mohsin.

Kumar thanked MoH officials and frontliners for their tireless efforts and dedication in handling the outbreak.

He also discussed India's proven COVID mitigation technologies developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), mutual recognition of vaccine certificates, and the sharing of the Co-WIN digital platform with Brunei Darussalam at no cost.

Additionally, the MoH received air conditioners from Brunei Liquefied Natural Gas Sdn Bhd (BLNG); water heaters from Brunei Shell Marketing Company Sdn Bhd (BSM); beds, pillows and mattresses from Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP); face masks and hand sanitisers from Anna Sim and friends; a mona



FROM LEFT: Ajaneesh Kumar in talks with Haji Maswadi; and the Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) team with their contribution

rack from OKKY Jewellery; scrubs from Petir Management Services and Liya Noor; as well as tee-shirts and pants from Aewon Brunei Sdn Bhd.

Meanwhile, UOB Brunei and UOB Asset Management Brunei (UOBAM Brunei) collaborated with the Society for Community Outreach and Training (SCOT) Social Kitchen to donate 300 meals to frontliners across the country.

The September 10-12 meal distribution initiative is being held at Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha (RIPAS)

Hospital, Brunei Youth Volunteers (Sukarelawan Belia), BRIDEX International Conference Centre in Jerudong, Universiti Brunei Darussalam and the Nation Service Programme (PKBN) in Temburong District.

SCOT Social Kitchen launched its COVID-19 frontliners programme on August 17, aimed at providing 120 meals to frontliners daily.

The meals are prepared and cooked by mothers unable to return to full-time employment.

The Social Kitchen enables them

to earn an income, and support essential workers. Youth volunteers deliver the meals to frontliners.

UOB Brunei Country Manager Abdul Razak bin Abdul Malek said, "At UOB, we aim to make a difference in the communities in which we operate. We are pleased to be able to come together with our colleagues from UOBAM Brunei, as well as SCOT Social Kitchen to feed and support the country's healthcare workers at the frontline of the outbreak."

UOBAM Brunei General Manager

Kamal bin Haji Muhammad said, "The meal donation from UOBAM Brunei and UOB Brunei reflects our commitment to standing united as one with the community. Through our support of COVID-19 frontliners, we are able to play a part in contributing to the national efforts in overcoming the crisis and together, we will see through to better days."

Interested parties can make a donation by contacting the MoH Emergency Operation Centre (MOHEOC) at 7295712 during working hours.



FROM LEFT: Liya Noor drops off her contribution; Anna Sim and friends handing over contributions; and BSM with water heaters