

## UOB Brunei and UOB Asset Management Brunei donate 300 meals to frontline healthcare workers



*UOB Brunei and UOB Asset Management Brunei worked with the SCOT Social Kitchen to donate meals to healthcare workers at the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha (RIPAS) hospital. (Photo credit: Society for Community Outreach and Training Social Kitchen)*

**Brunei, 11 September 2021** – 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 COVID-19 frontliners across the country. The meal distribution will be carried out from 10 to 12 September 2021 at five healthcare facilities, namely the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha hospital, Sukarelawan Belia, Bridex International Conference Centre, University of Brunei Darussalam and Program Khidmat Bakti Negara (PKBN) in Temburong.

The SCOT Social Kitchen launched its COVID-19 frontliners programme on 17 August 2021 with the aim to provide 120 meals to COVID-19 frontliners each day. The meals are cooked and prepared by mothers

who are unable to return to full-time employment as they need to take care of their young children. The Social Kitchen enables them to earn an income while contributing to the support of essential workers. Youth volunteers are also engaged to deliver the meals to the frontliners.

Mr. Abdul Razak Abdul Malek, Country Manager of UOB Brunei, 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 give nourishment and encouragement to the country's healthcare workers fighting at the frontlines of the pandemic."

Mr. Kamal Haji Muhammad, General Manager of UOBAM Brunei, 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 country's efforts in overcoming the crisis and together, we will see through to better days."

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#### **About UOB Brunei**

United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) is a leading bank in Asia with a global network of around 500 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. Since its incorporation in 1935, UOB has grown organically and through a series of strategic acquisitions. UOB is rated among the world's top banks: Aa1 by Moody's Investors Service and AA- by both S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings. In Asia, UOB operates through its head office in Singapore and banking subsidiaries in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as branches and representative offices across the region.

Over more than eight decades, generations of UOB employees have carried through the entrepreneurial spirit, the focus on long-term value creation and an unwavering commitment to do what is right for our customers and our colleagues.

We believe in being a responsible financial services provider and we are committed to making a difference in the lives of our stakeholders and in the communities in which we operate. Just as we are dedicated to helping our customers manage their finances wisely and to grow their businesses, UOB is steadfast in our support of social development, particularly in the areas of art, children and education.

UOB Brunei has won the "Brunei International Project Finance Bank of the Year" award at the *Asia Banking & Finance* Wholesale Banking Awards consecutively from 2019 to 2021. The branch focuses on supporting SMEs and large corporates operating in

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Brunei, as well as facilitates companies outside the country in their expansion into Brunei and encourage local companies to expand their business horizon in other part of the world.

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UOBAM has an extensive presence in Asia with regional business and investment offices in Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Our network includes UOB Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd in Malaysia. We have a joint venture with Ping An Fund Management Company Limited (China) and we have also forged strategic alliances with UTI International (India) and Wellington Management Singapore.

UOBAM is one of the most awarded fund management companies, winning several awards at the Asia Asset Management Best of the Best Awards 2021 and 2020. UOBAM was named 'Best Asset Management House (Singapore)' in 2021 and 'Best Asset Management House (Regional)' in 2020. Our robo-adviser, UOBAM Invest, also won 'Best Fintech Innovation in Asset Management' in Malaysia and Singapore respectively in 2021 and 2020, as well as 'Best Digital Wealth Management' in Thailand in 2021. UOBAM Brunei has also been named 'Best Sukuk Manager' in 2021 after two consecutive wins of 'Best Investor Education' in 2020 and 2019.

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