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**STIDC and STA Join Hands in Donating RM2 Million Worth of
Personal Protective Equipments to Fight COVID-19**

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) has joined hands with Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) to help the State battle the COVID-19 pandemic through the donation of personal protective equipments (PPEs) worth RM2 million.

The donation provides medical-graded critical PPEs including KN95 medical protective masks, disposable medical masks, medical goggles, face shields, medical head covers, medical vinyl examination gloves, isolation gowns (non-sterile), protective medical coveralls (sterile) and medical boots covers. Specifically, the PPEs are very much needed by our frontliners such as doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients, especially those who are in intensive care units.

The donation was presented to Dr Chin Zin Hing, Director of Sarawak State Health Department, by Tuan Haji Hashim Haji Bojet, General Manager of STIDC, as well as Datuk Amar Abdul Hamed Haji Sepawi, Permanent Council member of STA, and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA respectively in a handover ceremony this afternoon at the old Sarawak State Legislative Assembly Building (old DUN), Kuching. The ceremony was witnessed by the Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Anak Embas, who is also the Chairman of State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC).

STA is pleased to say that members of STA are in solidarity with the Sarawak Government in fighting COVID-19, where contributions in cash and in-kind have also been provided by its various members including KTS Group, Rimbunan Hijau Group, Samling Group, Shin Yang Group, Solid Timber Group, Ta Ann Group and WTK Group, to name a few.

STA hopes that these contributions from the Sarawak timber industry will support surging healthcare needs and assist to relieve the shortage of PPEs and critical medical equipments, while ensuring that our frontliners, who are working tirelessly around the clock to contain the pandemic, are well-protected.

We are in unknown territories. It is imperative that we, as stakeholders, work together in unity and determination to weather this unprecedented storm. Both STIDC and STA hope that this donation will serve its purpose in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and save lives.

STA also urges all industry players and the public to play their part in response to the Sarawak Government's call, and adhere to the precautionary guidelines issued by the Sarawak Health Department including maintaining social distancing as well as having the highest personal hygiene standards.

Let's help defeat COVID-19!