

## **SPECIAL MESSAGE BY HIS HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE OF KEDAH PRO-CHANCELLOR I TO UUM ALUMNI ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Bismillahirrahmanirahim.

All praise be to Allah Subhanahu Wataala, for His grace and mercy, we are still able to continue our daily lives despite the trials and tribulations of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the Movement Control Order (MCO), which is now well into its fourth phase.

The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic most certainly is having a significant impact on all walks of life in Malaysia. Notwithstanding, we are also witnessing the very best in human spirit from different levels of society, race, religion and culture that have come forth to extend support especially to the frontliners who are working very hard to combat the pandemic.

I believe that the University is also doing its utmost best to keep the campus safe and free from the virus while at the same time, focusing on looking after the welfare of thousands of UUM students who are still residing on campus, the staff and the alumni who are also in need of assistance.

I am proud to note that UUM being proactive in assisting our frontliners. Various efforts and initiatives have been taken by the Management despite many difficulties. Through the collaboration of many parties involving students, staff and volunteers, the University has been able to produce disposable personal protective equipment (PPE) consisting of gowns, face shields and hand sanitizers for use by the staff at Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital (HSB), Alor Setar and Sultanah Maliha Hospital (HSM), Langkawi.

The PPE equipment has been produced at the UUM Curriculum Center and the UUM 'Food Security, Innovation and Development' laboratory (Lab FinDER). The combined efforts of the centres have managed to produce 1,200 pieces of disposable gowns using 'Hydrophobic Non-Woven Fabric' from the total of 8,000 projected, 3,000 bottles of sanitizers and 200 masks. I was informed that in order to produce a further 6,800 gowns in the shortest time possible, the university requires ten (10) more sewing machines to meet the high requirements from the frontliners, who would be using an average of 700-1,000 sets daily.

The investment in the sewing machines will also generate various long-term benefits not only for the university's Curriculum Center, but also for the B40 group and single mothers in the state of Kedah who are currently participating in several UUM-sponsored entrepreneurship programmes such as sewing classes and so on.

In the face of this health concern, I believe the task will be much more manageable with the support from the alumni. There is certainly room and opportunity to support the noble cause which would endear the University closer the community. Thus, UUM welcomes contributions and donations from its alumni especially towards the efforts to produce the PPEs for the frontliners and in support of students and those alumni in need.

My utmost gratitude to all who have contributed so much to UUM over the years. I pray that you are always under the guidance and protection of Allah Subhanahu Wataala. In this turbulent time, patience and persistent are two great friends that can help us face the trials from Allah Subhanahu Wataala. In Sha Allah

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