

## Message from President of SIRIM

# The Fight Against COVID-19 SIRIM Plays Its Part

The COVID-19 situation in Malaysia has reached a crucial stage. The news over the past several weeks has demonstrated just how critical the situation has become.

On 19 May, COVID-19 cases breached the 6,000 infections a day mark when 6,075 were reported. This peaked at a record high 9,020 infections on 29 May. Even more worrying has been the mortality rate, which has been above 50 deaths per day since 20 May.

These numbers make for grim statistics. For those whose loved ones have been hospitalised or have passed on from the disease, and the frontliners who have been spending long and stressful hours on the clock, these numbers are more than just statistics.

The Full Movement Control Order (FMCO) which the Government has implemented from 2 June to 14 June is critical to bringing down the infection rate and flattening the curve. And each and everyone of us must play our part.



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## SIRIM Continues to Serve During the FMCO

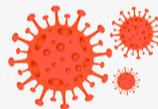
Under the FMCO, all social activities have to cease, and all businesses are expected to work from home, except for 17 essential services, which are vital to ensuring the socio-economic health of the nation. At SIRIM, we are doing our part to break the chain of infection. In line with the FMCO, we have closed our offices and have implemented work from home, so as to reduce the risks of contact between our workforce.

However, out of office does not mean out of reach. Our customers can keep in touch with us through calls, WhatsApp, emails and online. Also, do follow our social media pages for the latest updates on our activities during the FMCO.

We also understand that our services, as well as those of our subsidiaries, are vital to the continued operations of those in essential sectors. I am pleased to affirm that we will still provide those services throughout the FMCO, through remote means.

This includes carrying out vital testing, inspection, certification, measurement and calibration services by our subsidiaries SIRIM QAS International, the National Metrology Institute of Malaysia (NMIM) and SIRIM Standards Technology (SST). This enables us to ensure the safety, reliability and quality of products manufactured and sold in the country during this period.

## Our Role in Combating COVID-19



More than that, SIRIM is also proud to be able to play an active part in fighting COVID-19 in other ways. For instance, SIRIM QAS International provides testing, inspection and BS EN 14683 certification for face masks, to ensure that they meet stringent standards. The public can be assured that face masks with this certification are fit for the purpose of protecting wearers against COVID-19.

At the same time, SST and NMIM are involved in the calibration of medical instruments that are used to test for and treat COVID-19. Again, this is a vital service as the accuracy of the measurements can be a difference between life and death.

Last but not least, through SIRIM Industrial Research, we have been active in various Research & Development work on COVID-19 vaccine which includes process validation for the fill and finish process performed locally and other safety testing to meet National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) requirements for local manufacturing.

## Stay Strong, Stay Safe, Get Vaccinated



I know that the effects of the pandemic and the restrictions on travel and socialising are having serious effects on people's emotional and physical well-being. There are some people who have not seen their parents and loved ones for months. As of 6 June, a total of 12,708,357 people have registered for vaccination, which is around 52% of the total. While that is a positive development, we need around 75% to 80% of the people to be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity.

That is why, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all our customers, and anyone else who might be reading this, to register for vaccinations if they have not already done so. Let us remember that no one is safe until everyone is safe, and that we can only be safe once a critical mass of the population has been vaccinated.

So, please stay strong and stay safe! We are all in this together and together we will beat this pandemic!

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