

## **EASING THE NATION'S SUPPORT OF THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUND**

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March 31 2020 - In the spirit of national solidarity and showing support of the Ministry of Health's efforts to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam, BIBD is pleased to inform that contributions to the COVID-19 Relief Fund can now be made by QR code via BIBD QuickPay.

BIBD customers simply need to scan the QR code via the BIBD NEXGEN Wallet. Any donations will be channelled directly into the COVID-19 Relief Fund, without the need to key in the account number manually. ProgresifPay customers will also be able to use the QR code to donate directly from the ProgresifPay app.

In order to encourage widespread and ongoing support of the fund, BIBD would like to urge public and private sector organisations to print and display the QR code at their premises. The COVID-19 Relief Fund QR Code will be made available for download through BIBD's social media account @BIBDBrunei

The COVID-19 Relief Fund was announced by the Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Amin Liew bin Abdullah at a press conference on March 21, 2020 and was established to enable the public to make contributions to help deal with the spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry of Finance and Economy through the Treasury Department will control and withdraw the funds upon approval from the Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and the Minister of Finance and Economy II as well as the Minister of Health.

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