

BIBD JOINS THE EFFORT IN PROMOTING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGAINST COVID-19

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March 16 2020 - Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD), in its efforts to support the Ministry of Health in the ongoing fight against COVID-19 in the country, today handed over several banners aimed at raising awareness on the criteria for testing for COVID-19.

According to the Ministry of Health, only close contacts of confirmed cases and any individuals who have recently travelled to affected countries (categorised by the Ministry of Health as Categories A, B and C) and experiencing symptoms such as fever and respiratory illness should undergo testing for COVID-19.

Furthermore, individuals who are secondary contacts, who do not have a history of travel to countries in Categories A, B and C and are not experiencing symptoms should protect themselves from exposure to infection by visiting the Flu Centre at RIPAS Hospital.

BIBD's Chief Marketing Officer, Hjh Nurul Akmar bin Haji Mohd Jaafar handed over the banners to Hjh Siti Ajar binti Hj Yusop, Acting Director of Policy and Planning, Ministry of Health.

The contribution is part of BIBD's commitment to play an active role in combating the spread of COVID-19, and to show support in the Ministry of Health's call to ensure that the country's healthcare resources are channelled to prioritise those with the highest risk of infection and to prevent overwhelming the healthcare system.

BIBD would like to urge members of the public to observe the Ministry of Health's recommendations and for the entire nation to stand united in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

Sebagai usaha dalam menyokong Kementerian Kesihatan dalam mengawal penularan wabak COVID-19, Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD) hari ini menyumbang beberapa sepanduk yang bertujuan untuk meningkatkan kesedaran orang ramai mengenai ujian COVID-19.

Menurut Kementerian Kesihatan, hanya kontak terdekat dan individu yang mempunyai sejarah perjalanan ke negara-negara terjejas (disenaraikan oleh Kementerian Kesihatan sebagai negara-negara berisiko Kategori A, B dan C) dan menghadapi demam panas atau tanda-tanda pernafasan perlu menjalani ujian untuk COVID-19.

Mereka yang hanya *secondary contact*, tidak mempunyai sejarah perjalanan ke negara-negara Kategori A, B dan C dan tidak mengalami demam panas atau tanda-tanda kesukaran bernafas disarankan supaya jangan mendedahkan diri di Kawasan saringan COVID-19.

Hadir bagi menyempurnakan sumbangan tersebut adalah Ketua Pegawai Pemasaran, Hajah Nurul Akmar binti Haji Mohd Jaafar dan diterima oleh Dayang Hajah Siti Ajar binti Haji Yusof, Pemangku Pengarah Dasar dan Perancangan, Kementerian Kesihatan.

Sumbangan ini merupakan salah satu usaha BIBD dalam sama-sama berusaha untuk membasmi penularan COVID-19 dan menyokong usaha Kementerian Kesihatan untuk memastikan sumber-sumber penjagaan kesihatan negara ini disalurkan kepada mereka yang paling memerlukan.

BIBD ingin menggesa orang ramai untuk mematuhi saranan pihak Kementerian Kesihatan dan supaya semua pihak di Negara Brunei Darussalam bersatu dan teguh dalam membasmi penularan COVID-19.

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