

# Plastics manufacturers donate PPEs to keep frontliners protected

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KUALA LUMPUR (April 23): Plastics manufacturers are stepping up to donate personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep frontliners in hospitals supplied with the critical items they need.

On behalf of its members, the Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association (MPMA) today handed over the first batches of 100,000 protective head covers, 5,000 jumpsuits and 105,000 clinical waste bags to Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba in Putrajaya.

In partnership with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the PPE donations are a collaborative effort by MPMA members, namely Scientex Bhd, Fibertex Personal Care Sdn Bhd together with members of the Federation of Malaysian Fashion Textiles and Apparel (FMFTA), Lippotex Industries Sdn Bhd, Hing Yiap Knitting Sdn Bhd and Siang Poh Knitting Sdn Bhd.

Additionally, the clinical waste bags are donated by MPMA member Plastik V Sdn Bhd.

President Datuk Lim Kok Boon said MPMA members came together at different points of the process, contributing raw materials, factory capacity, time and money, to ensure that the frontliners get the supplies they need.

“As a critical sector of the economy, we will do everything we can to support our frontliners and arm them with the tools they need,” said Lim in a statement today.

“It is an honour to contribute and help our health workers while they care for us in this pandemic,” he said.

Lim said the use of PPE has risen by two to 10 times more than the normal consumption since the COVID-19 outbreak started.

“MPMA remains in close contact with the Health Ministry for information on what supplies are needed and how we can help prevent shortages.

“Working together with MPMA and MITI to address the shortage of PPE is our small gesture of appreciation to our health workers' sacrifices and dedication,” he said.

FMFTA president Datuk Seri Tan Thian Poh said in times of crisis, everyone should play their part to combat this outbreak unitedly.

Other donations are also in the pipeline, and MPMA will continue the donation drive among its members and to facilitate collaboration with industry groups across the supply chain.

Earlier, MPMA member Lee Soon Seng Plastic Industries Sdn Bhd donated 5,000 face shields while other members donated plastic aprons, plastics sheets and films for doctors, nurses and hospital staff to use.

MPMA, established in 1967, is a progressive trade association providing leadership and quality service to its members and the plastics industry with due care for the environment.