



MEDIA STATEMENT

IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN WORKERS AT KOSSAN GROUP OF COMPANIES

KLANG, Selangor - Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) in collaboration with Qualitas Medical Group and Kossan Group of Companies are conducting a **COVID-19 Screening Programme for Foreign Workers in stages.**

The on-going screening test, which started on **3 December 2020**, **targets more than 8,000 workers, including 4,800 foreign workers.** It involves all **nine (9) manufacturing plants and three (3) corporate premises of Kossan Group of Companies in Selangor.** The programme runs for **12 to 14 days.**

"Large-scale programmes like this are a catalyst for other employers to conduct COVID-19 screening among their employees. Support from relevant parties such as private healthcare facilities and good commitment from employers can ensure that COVID-19 infection can be curbed from spreading in the workplace," said Dato' Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman Bin Dato' Aziz Mohammed, SOCSO Chief Executive.

SOCSO calls upon employers to play a bigger role in breaking the COVID-19 chain in the workplace. Based on information from the Ministry of Health Malaysia, several factors have been identified as contributors to the spread of COVID-19 among employees. Among them are accommodation of foreign workers, personal hygiene and the environment in the residence and workplace.

"Through Qualitas' large network of general practice, we are able to provide teams of doctors and medically trained personnel to conduct mass on-site screening at a location of the

employers' choice. Coupled with the technology that we have developed with our technology partner, employers can rest assured that on-site screening will be conducted in a timely, safe and efficient manner," said Dato' Dr. Noorul Ameen bin Mohamed Ishack, Executive Chairman of Qualitas Medical Group.

"Kossan adopts SOP and safety measures based on official procedures as announced by the National Security Council (MKN), the Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI), the Manufacturing Industry Association as well as related safety and health measures to ensure a safe workplace for our employees," said Lim Poh Lin, Head of Group Corporate Affairs and Communications, Kossan Group of Companies.

The Government, on 27 November 2020, has set the COVID-19 screening procedure for all foreign workers working in Selangor, the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Negeri Sembilan, Penang, Sabah and the Federal Territory of Labuan. The screening is to be carried out in a targeted manner based on the red zone locality with a high density of foreign workers, starting from 1 December 2020.

More information on the COVID-19 Screening Programme for Foreign Workers is available on the PSP Portal (<https://psp.perkeso.gov.my>). Any inquiries can be made via email hsp@perkeso.gov.my or hotline **1-300-22-8000** or **03-4264 5089**.

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