FGV Extends COVID-19 Screening Tests to all of its Migrant Plantation Workers – To date, 13,509 workers have been screened



KUALA LUMPUR, 10 FEBRUARY 2021 – FGV Holdings Berhad (FGV) is extending the COVID-19 screening test to all migrant plantation workers who are employed with FGV's plantations all over the country.

Throughout January this year, FGV has conducted screening programmes for 1,029 migrant plantation workers in Negeri Sembilan and Pahang, 6,261 workers in Sabah, and 703 workers in Terengganu.

In the first week of February, an additional 1,402 FGV migrant plantation workers in Pahang and 4,114 migrant workers in Sabah were screened.



Frontline health workers preparing the RTK Antigen Kit to screen FGV's migrant plantation workers for COVID-19 in Kuantan

The overall screening test results for January are negative, except for 25 workers in Sabah who have gone through the quarantine process. The workers have fully recovered and have been discharged from the quarantine centre in Lahad Datu.

Dato' Haris Fadzilah Hassan, FGV's Group Chief Executive Officer said, "we are pleased with the progress of this COVID-19 screening test extension, of which 13,509 workers have been screened successfully."

"This effort is to ensure that all FGV migrant plantation workers remain healthy and do not become spreading agents of the epidemic. It is also in line with the government's directives which require employers to provide screening tests for all its migrant workers respectively beginning from 2 February 2021."

"FGV also provides temporary COVID-19 Quarantine and Treatment Centres (PKRC) at its plantation complexes to enable the isolation process for migrant plantation workers who are found positive with mild symptoms," he added.



FGV's migrant plantation worker undergoing the COVID-19 screening test at FGV's estate in Sabah recently

The screening programme is conducted in phases for all FGV migrant plantation workers which currently amounts to 26,114 workers. From this amount, 15,119 are working in Peninsular Malaysia, 10,375 in Sabah and 620 in Sarawak.

All FGV migrant plantation workers from Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Philipines, Sri Lanka, India and Myanmar are registered contributors under the Social Security Organisation (SOCSO).

In line with the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342) for the control of COVID-19, FGV will continue this programme in other states in the near future. COVID-19 screening tests for FGV's migrant workers across its plantation operations are expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2021.

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