

FGV Provides COVID-19 Screening Tests for 7,001 Migrant Plantation Workers

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 JANUARY 2021 - FGV Holdings Berhad (FGV) is providing COVID-19 tests for 7,001 of its migrant workers who are employed with FGV's plantations in Negeri Sembilan and Sabah.

740 migrant workers who work at FGV's Jempol and Gemas plantations in Negeri Sembilan, were screened with the RTK Antigen kit by one of the appointed Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) panel clinics on 12 and 13 January 2021. Of the total, 165 workers are from Indonesia, India (289) and Bangladesh (286).



The RTK Antigen Kit was used to screen FGV's plantation migrant workers for COVID-19

A total of 6,261 migrant workers in FGV's plantations in Sahabat, Kalabakan and Sandakan Complex in Sabah will undergo the same screening test next week, where 5,959 of the migrant workers are from Indonesia, while 302 are from the Philippines.

Dato' Haris Fadzilah Hassan, FGV's Group Chief Executive Officer said, "This screening test is one of FGV's responsibilities in supporting the government's effort in curbing the spread of

the COVID-19 outbreak among migrant workers. It is also to fulfill our commitment in ensuring that all employees who work in our estates have access to health rights during these challenging times of a pandemic.”

“FGV has allocated close to RM200,000 to bear the cost of screening tests for our migrant workers who contribute to SOCSO in Negeri Sembilan and Sabah. FGV is also providing temporary COVID-19 Quarantine and Treatment Centres (PKRC) at the plantation complexes to enable the isolation of migrant workers who are found positive with COVID-19 but with mild symptoms, from migrant workers who are tested negative,” he added.



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

If a worker is tested positive with serious symptoms, FGV will manage the worker's quarantine and meals until aid arrives from the Ministry of Health (MoH) to assist with further treatment in hospital.

The COVID-19 screening test through SOCSO is a mandatory requirement to be adhered by employers who employ migrant workers at high-risk areas specifically in Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Penang, Sabah, Kuala Lumpur and Labuan starting from 1 December 2020.

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