

UMS offers 6,700 sanitiser bottles free

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Datuk Taufiq Yap (right) presenting the hand sanitisers to a representative of an agency.

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has produced 1,173 litres of hand sanitisers with some of them filled in 6,700 small bottles to be distributed free.

“The sanitisers were made based on the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines,” said the university in a statement.

The production of the hand sanitisers, it said, was part of the “Function of Science” initiative under the United States’ Department of State’s Global Innovation through Science and Technology (Gist).

The raw material for the production was sponsored by corporate bodies.

“The initial aim was to ease the burden of the B40 group and the frontliners as the prices for hand sanitisers skyrocketed during the Covid-19 outbreak.”

To this end, UMS has contributed hand sanitisers to eight government agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as 21 schools in Sabah, recently.

It was the second time UMS made the contribution after the first one on June 5.



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The presentation was attended by UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin.

Taufiq was part of the volunteer team during the production of the sanitisers.

“I thanked all donors and UMS staff for producing the hand sanitisers in the laboratories,” he said.

Meanwhile, the university’s Science and Natural Resource Faculty (FSSA) has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with City Hall on June 18, for a cooperation in recycling used hand sanitiser bottles project.

The LoI was signed by Mayor Datuk Nordin Siman and FSSA Dean Prof Dr Baba Musta.

The project was aimed to recycling used hand sanitiser bottles to be filled with hand sanitisers and distributed to the people.

The public are welcomed to donate their used hand sanitiser bottles at selected collection centres namely UMS main entrance, Kota Kinabalu Community Hall, Damai Multipurpose Hall, City Hall building and City Hall’s office at Level 7, Centre Point.