

# UMS-HATWKK

collaborate in

## Covid-19 testing

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah through one of their Centre of Excellence, the Biotechnology Research Institute (BRI) has agreed to assist Hospital Angkatan Tentera Wilayah Kota Kinabalu (HATWKK) on Covid-19 testing collected by HATWKK.

This collaboration is a result of HATWKK's intention to work with BRI, which were communicated earlier to UMS.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk ChM Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said with certified facilities and trained researchers, UMS will be able to help HATWKK to speed up their Covid-19 testing and eradicating this pandemic.

Responding to this, a meeting between BRI and HATWKK was held recently.

The IPB was represented by its Director Dr Zarina Amin while the HATWKK was represented by Medical Operation Division Chief, Colonel Dr. Shamsul Bahary Muhamad.

In the discussion, BRI has agreed to receive samples from HATWKK for testing at their Biosafety Level-3 laboratory (BSL3).

During the meeting, HATWKK was also briefed about the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for samples arriving and receiving at the BSL3 laboratory.