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STATUS REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT RE: PMA's ASSISTANCE FOR ITS MEMBERS AND OTHER FRONTLINERS

A blessed day to everyone! Hope that you are all doing well at this time.

We have now surpassed the first month of Enhanced Community Quarantine. Although the results were distressing as we have lost a number of colleagues, the Lord is still sustaining most of us with His mercy and grace up to this point.

The Philippine Medical Association has initially distributed free face masks to all the 119 component societies thru our PMA Governors. To unburden you all of sourcing out suppliers for your PPEs, the Board of Governors has decided to make the PMA the center for the ordering and distribution of medical supplies, all AT COST.

The PMA has also given financial assistance of **P10,000.00** for each component society. It may not be much or enough, but we do believe this will somehow add help to your society's needs.

To date, we were able to order and sell 5,000 PPE suits, 40,000 surgical masks, and 100,000 KN95 masks for all of you. Only few quantity are left at the PMA office as of today, but we will continue to do our best to source out more suppliers to ease you of the struggles in purchasing your PPEs and face masks.



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We have also been receiving both in-kind and cash donations from our partner foundation/s and organization/s, friends, and other generous companies who are willing to help the frontliners through our **#ProtecttheFrontliners Campaign**.

As of today, we have received the following donations:

Cash Donations – Total of **P748,000.00** from the following:

1. Gov. Teresita S. Lazaro
2. Marie Genevieve Lazaro
3. Angelica Therese Lazaro
4. Maria Crizelda Arambulo
5. Filipino-Chinese Catholic Women's Organization
6. Reyes-Tacandong and Co.
7. Royal Cablevision Corporation
8. Maystar Company

In-Kind Donations:

1. Pocari Sweat Drinks from Otsuka-Solar, Inc.
2. Face Masks from Dr. Frederick Francisco
3. Grocery items from PMA
4. PPEs from San Miguel Corporation
5. Thru The Great Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. – Marby Bread, Summit Bottled Water, Nature's Spring Iced Tea, PPEs from Redjuice Ezential Corporation, and Face Shields from United Architect of the Philippines Manila Maharlika Chapter.
6. Face Shields from Mr. and Mrs. Leonardo and Molita Chua
7. PPEs from the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Association of the Philippines



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8. Face Shields and Gloves from Mr. Richie and Ms. Ginie Ang
9. PPEs and Face Shields from Mr. Tony Lau of Club Singleton
10. Face masks from Melinda L. Castillo
11. Face shields from Lhorie Macalla
12. Gloves and Liquid Hand Soap from Belo Communication and Family

We were able to distribute them to the different Component Societies, East Avenue Medical Center, Lung Center of the Philippines, Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Philippine Heart Center, Quezon City General Hospital, Medical Center Parañaque, RESU City of Parañaque, Unihealth Parañaque Hospital, Premier Medical Center, Ospital ng Parañaque, Our Lady of Peace Hospital, Christ the King Unihealth Las Piñas, L.S. Moreno Medical Clinic, Rodriguez Municipal Health Office, Marikina Police Head Office, Casimiro Ynares Memorial Hospital, and other institutions thru our PMA Governors and Component Society Presidents.

We would also like to inform the bereaved families of our fallen colleagues and those PMA members who have been tested Covid19 positive that the PMA is also providing mutual aid assistance for all of you. You may contact our Secretariat so they may be able to assist you.

I understand that many of you have temporarily ceased from practicing and/or operating outpatient clinics. Momentarily, we may use the Telemedicine or TeleConsulta system so we could continue serving our patients.

The PMA will also be releasing updates as to the PMA National Elections and other rescheduled activities from time to time once we have received reports from the respective Chairs of the Committees.



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Please do know that the PMA has been doing its best to provide you all the assistance you need. There may be difficulty in scouting and shortage in some supplies, but we never stop from searching. You can rest assured that PMA will not stop from extending help during this afflicting crisis.

As the enhanced community quarantine is expected to be prolonged, this is the time that we have to set aside all politics, but instead, join hands to beat this pandemic.

I am extremely grateful to many of you my dear PMA colleagues, our partner-foundations and organizations, and our friends for the GENEROSITY and HELP you have all offered and given for the members of the PMA. I am also thankful to our governors and presidents of component societies who have helped in the distribution of supplies to the different institutions.

As the President of this large umbrella organization of medical practitioners and societies, I can only do so much. But with your presence and cooperation, united as **ONE PMA**, I strongly believe we can overcome this crisis.

Mabuhay kayong mga frontliners! Mabuhay ang PMA! God be with us all.


RICARDO A. BATAc, MD
Secretary General


JOSE P. SANTIAGO, JR., MD
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