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## **NagaWorld Kind Hearts donates 3,000 more COVID-19 supplies to Ministry of Health in third round of donations**

**Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 8 September 2020** – In their third donation to Ministry of Health, NagaWorld Kind Hearts has donated 3,000 units of virus sample collection kits. These include 1,000 units of a Universal Transport Medium for Virus and Bacteria (otherwise known as their trademark name of UTM®), 1,000 units of Nasopharyngeal FLOQSwabs®, and 1,000 units of Pernal FLOQSwabs®.

UTM® is a FDA-cleared collection and transport system suitable for collection, transport, maintenance and long-term freeze storage of clinical specimens containing viruses, including COVID-19, chlamydia, mycoplasma or ureaplasma organisms. The transport medium comes in a plastic, screw-cap tube and maintains organism viability for 48 hours at room or refrigerated temperature. A FLOQSwab® is a flocked swab that consists of a moulded plastic applicator stick with a variable size and shape tip. The COVID-19 Collection & Transport Kits enable the Ministry of Health to collect, handle, and transport specimens suspected of COVID-19 safely.

The presentation ceremony was attended by NagaWorld Managing Director Mr. Pern Chen, Managing Director of Finance & Operations Mr. Cherchi Chen and Head of Occupational Safety & Health Administration Mr. Emilio Thiel, with Ministry of Health Secretary of State Her Excellency Dr. Youk Sambath receiving the items on behalf of the Ministry.

“These sample collection kits are the perfect complement to our previous donation of the Nucleic Acid Extraction System,” said Mr. Pern Chen. “The kits allow the Ministry of Health frontline staff to quickly and safely transport specimens for analysis using the Nucleic Acid Extraction System. We continue our support of the Ministry of Health in their vigilance of COVID-19.”

Her Excellency Dr. Youk Sambath said, “The COVID-19 situation in Cambodia is well contained, yet we still need to remain cautious and follow preventive measures. We are extremely grateful for the continuous support from NagaWorld through contribution of supplies, all of which are crucial for Cambodia to strengthen the measures of prevention, control and response to COVID-19.”

With the donations made recently to the Ministry including 5 laptops, 500 bottles of hand sanitiser, a Nucleic Acid Extraction System and 6,400 Viral DNA Extraction Kits, NagaWorld Kind Hearts’ overall contribution towards the fight against COVID-19 is worth more than \$53,000.

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Over the past 3 months, NagaWorld Kind Hearts has contributed a total of 40,000 face masks, 4,000 bottles of hand sanitiser, and 720 litres of isopropyl alcohol – totalling more than \$15,400 in value – to the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, the General Commissariat of National Police, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, and Phnom Penh City Hall.

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#### **About NagaWorld Kind Hearts**

NagaWorld Kind Hearts was formed in March 2014 by employees with NagaWorld's full support to promote volunteerism towards Corporate Social Responsibility programmes focussing on 4 key pillars: Education Enhancement, Community Engagement, Sports Development and Environmental Care. At present, over 230,000 Cambodians have benefitted through these programmes.

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