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Pun Hlaing Hospitals gets green light to provide Covid-19 Testing and Treatment

Yangon, Myanmar, 23 December 2020 – Pun Hlaing Hospitals ("PHH") based in Hlaing Thar Yar, today announced that it has received permission from the Myanmar's National Central Committee for COVID-19 Protection, Control and Treatment to provide COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test ("Antigen-RDT") kit testing to the domestic flight passengers in Myanmar.

"Since the onset of COVID-19, PHH has been tirelessly building up our capacity to test, contain and treat. Staff and patient safety remains a priority for PHH. We spared no effort in our preparation for managing the risk of COVID-19, stepping up on patient and visitor screening and fine tuning of workflows and protocols," said **Dr Thiri Aung, Head of Operations, Pun Hlaing Hospitals.**

The Myanmar Government has permitted domestic flights to resume starting from 16 December 2020. All passengers are required to complete a COVID-19 test prior to their flight departure. The National Central Committee for COVID-19 Protection, Control and Treatment, has instructed that all passengers can take the Antigen-RDT for COVID-19 at Pun Hlaing Hospital- Hlaing Thar Yar (the site has shifted from Government clinic in Mingalardon Townships, near Aung Mingalar Bus station).

Pun Hlaing Hospital - Hlaing Thar Yar will start providing Antigen-RDT from 24 December 2020 onwards. The Antigen-RDT test kits have been approved by Department of National Health Laboratory and the Food and Drug Administration.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many lives and challenged Myanmar's healthcare system in many ways. We're honored to be able to take part in this initiative to share the burden with the nation and to protect the people of Myanmar. I believe that with the efforts from everyone in Myanmar and the collaboration between government and private hospitals, we will get through this together," said **Dr Thiri Aung.**

COVID-19 Tests are available by appointment only and the cost will be MMK 15,000 per test for domestic passenger testing. Please call our COVID-19 Testing Center in Pun Hlaing Hospital at (09 9400 47757).

Pun Hlaing Hospitals (www.punhlainghospitals.com.mm)

The first Pun Hlaing Hospital was established in 2005. Today, First Myanmar Investment owns 60% of Yoma Siloam Hospital Pun Hlaing Ltd., the joint-venture entity and operator of Pun Hlaing Hospitals, while OUE Lippo Healthcare Limited (Singapore) owns the remaining 40%. It is the only hospital in Myanmar to be awarded the American Joint Commission International Accreditation (JCI) for quality and patient safety. PHH aims to provide affordable and accessible healthcare that embodies International Quality, Scale, Godly Compassion, and Reach to all socio-economic segments in Myanmar.

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