

Minister salutes Sarawakians for beating third wave of Covid-19

KUCHING: Local Government and Housing Minister Dato Sri Dr Sim Kui Hian has attributed Sarawak's success in overcoming the third wave of Covid-19 pandemic to the cooperation and commitment rendered by every Sarawakian.

Dr Sim, who is the advisor to Sarawak Disaster Management Committee (SDMC), said

Sarawakians had done their part in curbing the spread of Covid-19 in the state.

“During this third wave, we have been successful because all Sarawakians are playing their role, so as to enable us to get the number (of infections) down,” he said after witnessing the handing-over of RM40,000 from OCBC Bank Kuching to the Kidney

Association of Sarawak (KAS) and Rotary Club of Kuching (RCK) during a ceremony held at the KAS-National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Dialysis Centre at Jalan Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce here yesterday.

According to Dr Sim, the situation in Sabah had become ‘unmanageable’, with the health facilities and personnel there

experiencing excessive strain.

He said a Sarawakian, who is married to a Sabahan, had recently contacted him to seek help and advice as to what she should do about her case.

“She tested positive a few days ago. She had been experiencing dry eyes; she lost the sense of taste.

“She said she had called the

hospital for help, but had not heard back from the hospital since.

“In Sabah, there are too many cases. We don't want this to happen in Sarawak,” he added.

Dr Sim said Sarawak would not have been able to succeed in bringing down the ‘third wave’ infections, if not for the understanding and solidarity

shown by Sarawakians.

“More than 3,000 people are being quarantined at respective quarantine centres for 14 days. The food is not nice, but at least everyone does their part,” he said.

Dr Sim said the Sarawak government spent about RM150 per day per quarantined person – in total, this amounted to about RM450,000 a day.