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## Q & M DONATES 50,000 SURGICAL MASKS TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS

### *“Fighting Covid-19, Together we can!”*

Singapore, 27 February 2020 – Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (“Q & M” or the “Group”), a leading private dental healthcare group in Asia, recently donated a total of 50,000 surgical masks together with some hand scrubs, hand sanitizers, thermometers and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as gowns, goggles and medical face shields to healthcare workers in various charity organizations, as follows:

1. Healthserve Community Service
2. Home Nursing Foundation
3. Kreta Ayer Seniors Activity Centre
4. Kwan In Welfare Society
5. Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home
6. Lions Home for the Elders
7. Nam Hong Welfare Service Society
8. Public Free Clinic Society
9. Sian Chay Medical Institution
10. Singapore Buddhist Free Clinic
11. Singapore Buddhist Lodge
12. Singapore Children Society
13. Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution
14. Society for the Aged Sick
15. St Theresa's Home
16. Thong Chai Medical Institution
17. Tzu Chi Singapore

The outbreak of the Covid-19 infection poses many challenges for all healthcare workers. The sick and elderly are reported to be more vulnerable to Covid-19. Due to a substantial spike in the demand for masks everywhere, this has led to an alarming global shortage of masks and sharp increase in costs leaving some organizations vulnerable.

Q & M’s Group Chief Executive Officer, Dr Ng Chin Siau, said “Even though the epidemic in Singapore is well controlled now, there is still a very real risk and danger for those who are in the front line. As

fellow healthcare workers, we empathize with our peers. Thus we hope that our contributions can serve as a safety net for them. At this juncture, I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to Drs Alvin Lee, Chong Kai Chuan, Dominic Leung, Mohan and Russell Tan who had all played a part in this initiative of donation of masks.”

At Q & M, the well-being of our dentists, colleagues and patients are of paramount importance. As such we have taken steps to ensure that there are sufficient Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as masks, goggles, surgical caps, medical face shields and gowns for the whole team. All our clinics follow strict triage protocols issued by the Ministry of Health (MOH). Triage stations are being set up at the entrances of our larger centres like Q & M Centrepoint, Q & M City Square Mall and TP Dental Surgeons as well. We have also implemented strict infection control protocols including stringent sterilization and sanitization of our facilities and equipment regularly.

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