

Gas Malaysia extends CSR initiatives to aid the needy

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GAS Malaysia Bhd, a member of MMC Group, will continue with its commitment to carry out corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives to aid the less fortunate and improve their living conditions.

"We have been doing CSR especially during Covid-19 since last year where we helped our bottom 40% residential customers and gave them gas rebates. Moving forward, we will continue to do these kinds of activities," group CEO Ahmad Hashimi Abdul Manap told *The Malaysian Reserve* during a handover ceremony in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, last Friday.

In response to the current Covid-19 outbreak, Gas Malaysia successfully distributed essential household items to about 100 families living in People's Housing Programme Lembah Subang.

Also present at the ceremony was



Ahmad Hashimi (centre) handing over the essential household items to one of the MMC Prihatin programme recipient as Halimey (right) looking on

Seri Setia Assemblyman Halimey Abu Bakar who had given his support to Gas Malaysia's initiative.

The initiative is an effort to engage with the less fortunate communities under the MMC

Prihatin programme.

Commenting further, Ahmad Hashimi said besides the direct morbidity and mortality impact of the virus, measures undertaken to control the spread of the virus have

had a far-reaching effect on people's livelihoods.

"We believe in giving back to the community via our CSR programmes, much in line with our CSR theme of 'Energising the Community'. As a sustainable company with strong foundations, we are uniquely positioned to help the less fortunate.

"We sincerely hope that with this timely contribution, to a certain extent it will help elevate the difficulties faced by the families living in PPR Lembah Subang due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic," he elaborated.

Some of the essential household items distributed were rice, cooking oil, sugar, chili powder and personal hygiene kits such as surgical face masks.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the household items were distributed by adhering to the necessary safety precautionary measures.

"Although the pandemic is not over, the ongoing vaccination programme will set a more positive tone and is expected to give us much hope. As a responsible business entity, we will extend our CSR programmes to a wider pool of beneficiaries, especially during these trying times. In line with this, we will continue to support our frontliners and healthcare facilities in their fight against the spread of the Covid-19 virus," he concluded.

Gas Malaysia is currently in the process of contacting three hospitals namely in Selayang, Shah Alam and Serdang to assist the frontliners.

Apart from contributing equipment and medical facilities to the hospitals, Ahmad Hashimi said the company's move to help the frontliners is a gesture of appreciation for their endless hard work during the pandemic.