



Blood bank personnel monitor the donors during the donation drive at UPM Bintulu Campus.

## UPM Bintulu runs blood donation drive to help replenish stock at hospital

**BINTULU:** The shortage of stock at Bintulu Hospital blood bank, triggered by the current Covid-19 situation, prompted volunteers from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Bintulu Campus to run a blood donation drive recently.

Run in collaboration with the blood bank, the programme was divided into two sessions – each limited to a maximum of 15 donors, who comprised mainly the university staff members

and students.

The drive recorded 29 donors.

“The Movement Control Order (MCO), which took effect on March 18, has affected blood donation activities.

“For this drive, key precautions have been put in place in line with the procedures outlined under the MCO such as the one-metre social distancing, and the provision of face masks and hand sanitisers to the donors.

“Every equipment and device has been disinfected; every donor must be screened before they could donate blood,” said UPM Bintulu in a statement.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson of Bintulu Hospital blood bank requested more donors to come and donate regularly, adding that a mobile blood bank unit would be despatched to their locations should there be any request for it.