

Sibu Hospital says 'Thank You'

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Dr Lee (right) emphasises the uses of ultrasound scanner as she examines Tai's torso. Also seen are (from second right) Dr Toh, Dr Ng and Pansar Social Club's past president Johnny Tang and head of Management Services Alexander Hii.

Sibu Hospital director Dr Mohamad Ng Siah Huat said this in reference to the many contributions which the local folk have extended to the hospital.

"The latest corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme by Pansar is another example of how corporate organisations here have responded so positively to the needs of the community.

"I would like to put on record my thanks to everyone who has contributed to Sibu Hospital and I can assure everyone that we will not let up in our fight against Covid-19.

"Please stay at home and adhere to the advice from relevant authorities," he said when witnessing the handing over of an ultrasound machine to the intensive care unit (ICU) from Pansar on Wednesday.

Present to receive the donation was Dr Betty Lee Leh Sieng, who heads the hospital's anaesthesiology department. She was equally grateful that her colleague Dr Toh Teck Hock had successfully reached out to corporate organisations and sought their kind assistance.

"Currently, the ICU has only one functioning unit of the ultrasound machine. We welcome this newest addition," she said, adding that it would go a long way in assisting frontliners in their work.

Dispelling the common misconception of ultrasound machines being only for scanning pregnant women, Dr Lee said the equipment has many other purposes, including the fight against Covid-19.

"For example, it will enable us to quickly scan the patient's internal organs to detect whether there are any anomalies. It is not an invasive procedure and it gives doctors an immediate insight," she explained.

An ultrasound machine would enable doctors to get a more accurate and prompt diagnosis and detection of problems such as effusion in patients with pneumonia.

"Also, for those who are on ventilators, they may develop complications such as pneumothorax. And there are times they would come across other problems such as kidney injuries.

"And when such patients needed central line, peritoneal dialysis, the ultrasound machine would play a major role in locating the complications.

"From the said examples, it could be seen that an ultrasound machine is an extremely useful and important equipment in the hospital," she said.

In a related development, Pansar's general manager David Tai said the group would play its part and continue to help the brave frontliners.

It previously contributed infrared medical thermometers and sanitising gels to the hospital while lending a hand to the local Fire and Rescue Department (Bomba) by contributing sanitising liquid for the latter's disinfecting tasks.