

Labuan Corporation to lead Covid-19 fight

LABUAN: The local authority, Labuan Corporation (LC), will be the lead agency to coordinate the initiatives of the Covid-19 District Risk Reduction Programme (DRRP) on the duty-free island.

Its Chief Executive Officer Dr Fary Akmal Osman said the agency, in collaboration with the Labuan Health Department, would be assisted by the relevant government departments.

"On our part, we will activate our machinery comprising various health, enforcement, People's Representative Council (Majlis Perwakilan Penduduk - MPP) and Village Community Management Council (MPKK) units," she said.

She was speaking at a press conference before giving cash aid to fire victims in Kg Lajau and Taman Mutiara at Wisma Perbadanan Labuan, here, Monday. She said the programme, which is now being mobilised, is crucial in ensuring Labuan continues its green-zone Covid-19 status.

Labuan, a duty-free island, international financial centre and regional oil and gas hub, is still vulnerable to Covid-19 infection in view of the inflow and outflow of foreign crews and expatriates," she said.

Dr Fary said the role demanded the enhancement of the responsibilities of the communities, especially community leaders including village heads, by ensuring that all community members adhered to the new normal and standard operating procedure (SOP) set by the government.

She said there were four principles in the new normal standard operating procedure (SOP) - border control, movement restriction (control), social distancing and self-protection.

"The concept of Prevent and Educate, Practice, Comply and Monitor is to educate the public to be more responsible and enable them to be 'frontliners' in protecting themselves, their families and the local community from Covid-19," she added. - Bernama

