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### **Samling Timber Officially Hands Over Clinic to Community in Long Sukang**

Samling Timber (Samling) officially handed over a clinic and living quarters to the community of Long Sukang recently, after completing the construction of new facilities and receiving its certification from the Ministry of Health Malaysia and the Sarawak State Health Department.

The appreciation ceremony was hosted by the Sarawak State Health Department and attended by Bobby Chia, Project Director and Senior Site Personnel of SaraWorks Sdn Bhd and Thomas Apun, Head of Sabah-Sarawak Gas Pipeline as representative of Syarikat Samling Timber Sdn Bhd.

In total, more than RM2 million was invested in this nine-month project. The new building now comprises small surgery rooms, examination rooms, pharmacy, medical rooms, ward and a clinical staff quarters, making it a mini hospital with basic healthcare facilities to treat outpatients daily.

**Lawrence Chia, Chief Executive Officer of Samling Timber** said “We are always ready to be a good neighbour and lend a helping hand to local communities like Long Sukang. For us, it is about empowering people, uplifting communities, improving lives and bringing positive transformation. Our contribution to construct the Long Sukang clinic is part of our long-standing commitment support the needs of the communities in which we live and work, as well as to play our part in safeguarding the health and safety of residents in the area.”

Prior to the construction of new facilities, the old clinic was depleted and had lesser appropriate healthcare services for emergency care and walk-in patients, especially for childbirth. Special illness and emergency patients had to spend hours travelling to seek medical consultation in nearby towns.

The medical officer for Limbang Division, Dr Norliza Bte Jusoh said, “We are appreciative of the commitment Samling has made to the community of Long Sukang. A well functional clinic and quarters goes a long way in ensuring the health and safety of residents in Long Sukang and nearby villages, as well as the well-being of the medical practitioners in this area.”



Ministry of Health representative Mohd Rashidi Yahaya handed over the certificate to Thomas Apun, head of the Sabah-Sarawak gas pipeline and as representative of Syarikat Samling Timber Sdn Bhd.