



**COVID-19 PANDEMIC: 14-DAY RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER
FROM 18th MARCH 2020 TO 31ST MARCH 2020 NATIONWIDE**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Warm greetings from the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM)!

Following the announcement from our Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on 16th March 2020, the government has imposed a 14-day Restriction of Movement Control Order from 18th March 2020 until 31st March 2020 nationwide to curb the spread of the COVID-19 infection in Malaysia. The COVID-19 pandemic that has caused great distress not just in Malaysia, but also throughout the world.

We take the safety and health of our members, clients, suppliers, employees, and community very seriously, therefore please be informed that the RISM office will be closed during this period. Nevertheless, the RISM Property Surveying Division Secretariat will be working from home and is reachable via email psdiv@rism.org.my.

The Movement Control Order is imposed under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 and well as the Police Act 1967, which covers a range of activities and encompasses the following:

1. Complete restriction of movement and assembly nationwide, including religious activities, sports, social and cultural events. To enforce this restriction, all houses of worship and business premises are to be closed, except supermarkets, public markets, sundry shops and convenience stores selling essential goods.
2. A complete travel restriction for all Malaysians going overseas. For Malaysians returning home, they are required to undergo health checks and voluntary self-quarantine for a period of 14 days.
3. A complete restriction of foreign visitors and tourists into Malaysia.
4. Closure of all kindergartens, public and private schools, including day schools and residential schools, international schools, Tahfiz centres and all other institutions of learning in primary, secondary and pre-university levels.
5. Closure of all public and private institutions of higher learning nationwide, including skills training institutes.
6. Closure of all government and private premises except those involved in essential services (Water, electricity, energy, telecommunications, post, transportation, irrigation, oil, gas fuel, lubricants, broadcasting, finance, banking, health, pharmacy, fire prevention, prisons, ports, airports, security, defence, cleaning, food supply & retail).

In view of the Order by our Prime Minister on the closure of all non-essential services and government offices, we wish to inform you that the valuation and agency services are complying with the Order and offices are expected to be closed during this period but their employees will be working from home and still be reachable. Drastic actions need to be taken immediately to prevent the spread of the disease by limiting the movement of these employees and also the public to prevent more people from being infected by the outbreaks that can destroy lives. We seek your kind understanding as there may be some delays in the delivery of the services by these firms and rest assured that they remain committed to their services.

For the property management services, the onsite property management offices will continue in providing essential services for strata buildings in relation to water supply, electricity supply, vertical transportation (lifts/escalators), security & safety, cleaning (including disinfecting critical areas) and waste disposal in such buildings.

As the current pandemic is an evolving situation, please refer to the following websites for further information.

Information from the Ministry of Health

<http://www.moh.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/2019-ncov-wuhan>

Track Covid-19 outbreak in Malaysia

<https://newslab.malaysiakini.com/covid-19/en>

Advice and guidance from WHO on COVID-19

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

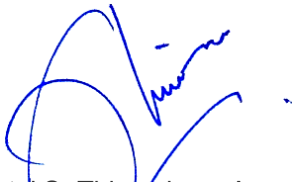
<https://www.epi-win.com/>

Do not panic, do not worry and stay calm. Let's work and pray together in enduring this challenge – Stay Healthy and Protected.

Once again, we seek your kind understanding during this unprecedented time and we look forward to your continuous support to the Institution.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a final flourish.

Dato' Sr Thiruselvam Arumugam
Chairman, Property Surveying Division
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