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Dear TPAA members, families and friends,

I Hope everyone is doing well and has completely been vaccinated against COVID-19 pandemic.

We are all aware of the current COVID-19 outbreak affecting our motherland. Thailand was able to largely control the virus for about a year until the current spike of cases since early April.

The new outbreak, which includes the highly transmissible B.1.1.7 variant first detected in Britain, has accounted for more than half of total cases and deaths since the start of the pandemic. Thailand reported a new daily record of 31 coronavirus deaths on Monday May 3rd, 2021.

The pandemic puts serious strain on Thailand healthcare system. Mass vaccination campaign will not be in full swing until June. There is a tremendous need for medical equipment such as High Flow Oxygen capable ventilators. Antiviral medication Favipiravir is being prescribed to help reduce the risk of worsening and spreading of the infection. Supplies for hospitals and healthcare providers who are treating COVID-19 patients are in high demand.

TPAA Foundation Executive Committee has approved \$30,000 of Disaster Emergency Relief Fund to Chaipattana Foundation: Fund to fight COVID-19. Chaipattana Foundation is the organization that purchases equipment, medications and supplies and distribute them to the hospitals that take care of COVID-19 patients. Additional fund will be provided as donation comes in.

Please lend your support by donating to TPAA Foundation DERF: COVID-19. Your contribution will help care for patients suffering from this pandemic. If you want your contribution to go to different charity, please so indicate in the enclosed TPAA Foundation Contribution Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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