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### **Pfizer Thailand Foundation Supports ‘White Gown Warriors’ Campaign with medical supplies donation to help fight against COVID-19**

**April 15, 2020, Bangkok:** Pfizer Thailand Foundation announced the delivery of personal protective equipment along with monetary donation to support life insurance fund for healthcare professionals through the campaign, **White Gown Warriors Fighting Against COVID-19**, conducted by the Medical Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage. Employees of Pfizer (Thailand) Limited and their family members were also invited to participate in the virtual event; donations handover ceremony through a teleconference platform following physical distancing measures. Besides, Pfizer Inc. and The Pfizer Foundation announced the commitment of \$40 million in medical and charitable cash grants to help combat the global health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. and around the world.

**Mr. Selim Sezgin, Chairman of Pfizer Thailand Foundation**, said that many countries are now facing the COVID-19 crisis. The novel virus, which causes respiratory disease, has rapidly spread across the world. Thailand is among countries affected by the pandemic with continuous reports of infection cases and fatalities. Healthcare professionals in hospitals and healthcare facilities are in the at-risk group as they are in close contact with patients. Therefore, it is vital to provide needed medical supplies to the frontline healthcare professionals and healthcare workers who are working hard with their mission to cope with the number of infection cases and increasing tasks.

“The Pfizer Thailand Foundation gives importance to medical professionals. The foundation has been conducting various projects to promote physical and mental health during normal times or at the time of a disaster. The foundation has been joining forces with different organizations to improve safety, health, and well-being of people in society. Amid the COVID-19 crisis, we would like to show our gratitude towards healthcare workers and their sacrifice fighting at the frontline against the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, the foundation is well aware of how the prolonged health crisis can affect physical and mental health. In this regard, the foundation is supporting The White Gown Warriors Fighting Against Covid-19 Campaign conducted by The Medical Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage, by providing **12,700 pieces** of personal protective equipment, consists of N95 masks and PPE suits, to 27 hospitals across the country, including hospitals in remote areas in Yala, Trang, Tak, and Sakon Nakhon. Furthermore, the foundation donated **THB500,000** to support the insurance fund to encourage and give assurance to medical professionals on the fight against COVID-19.”

Adopting physical distancing measures, the delivery of personal protective equipment and the donation for The White Gown Warriors Fighting Against Covid-19 Campaign was conducted via a virtual event on WebEx Meetings. The teleconference tool is used for employee meetings

within the organization and between Pfizer's offices in different countries. For the first time on the platform, more than 200 employees at Pfizer (Thailand) Limited, together with their family members, were able to participate in the virtual event while they are working from home.

“During this crisis, Thai people can take part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 by following preventive measures such as staying at home, reducing travel and mobility, avoiding public gatherings, and following physical distancing practice. The Pfizer Thailand Foundation is taking part in delivering encouragement and expressing care for medical professionals who are performing their duties with their dedication and sacrifice. We strongly believe that Thai people will overcome this challenging situation and all the difficulties caused by the pandemic," said **Mr. Selim.**

Meanwhile, on a global scale, The Pfizer Foundation announced the commitment of \$40 million in medical and charitable cash grants to help combat the global health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the US and around the world. As one of the world's premier biopharmaceutical companies, Pfizer Inc. has been collaborating across the healthcare innovation ecosystem ranging from large pharmaceutical companies to the smallest of biotech companies, from government agencies to academic institutions to address the COVID-19 global health care crisis. Researchers and scientists have been relentlessly working to develop an investigational antiviral compound to treat SARS-CoV-2, which causes the current pandemic of coronavirus infections (COVID-19), a vaccine to prevent infection as well as evaluating other therapies that have scientific potential to help infected patients fight the virus.

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#### **About the Pfizer Thailand Foundation**

Pfizer Thailand Foundation is an independently run organization, initiated in 2001 and supported by the Pfizer (Thailand) Limited, an affiliate of Pfizer Inc., United States of America. The main focus of the Foundation is to work with variety of partners to provide educational and life-improvement opportunities to all who need a chance, and to promote “Wellness Literacy” for balanced and sustainable lives for people in Thailand and other countries in the Indochina region.

#### **About Pfizer (Thailand) Ltd.**

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