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WORST-CASE SCENARIO

Precaution: Prepared beds for Covid-19 patient which used for quarantine and treatment

MAKESHIFT HOSPITAL READY TODAY

It has 600 beds to house patients if there is spike in Covid-19 cases, says Health D-G

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THE Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (MAEPS) is being converted into a makeshift hospital to house Covid-19 patients if there is a significant increase in the number of cases.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said

steps to turn the park into a temporary hospital, which were being coordinated by the National Disaster Management Agency, would be completed by today.

The makeshift hospital would have 600 beds for Covid-19 patients who were asymptomatic or have mild symptoms, he said.

"Hall A in MAEPS can accommodate 400 beds, while Hall B can house 200 beds. There are enough beds in our hospitals.

"We expect a surge in cases by the middle of next month. It is better to be overprepared than underprepared," he said here yesterday.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba visited the quarantine and Covid-19 treatment centre at MAEPS yesterday.

There are 3,400 beds for Covid-19 patients at hospitals and 1,892 beds at the Health Ministry's training institutes.



Political adviser to the Chinese embassy in Malaysia, Yu Jun (right), handing over boxes of face masks to Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Mohd Razlan Rafii in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY SYADA ABDULLAH

China may send experts to Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR: China is considering sending its experts to Malaysia to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Political adviser to the Chinese embassy in Malaysia, Yu Jun, said Malaysia's Health Ministry had requested that China share its expertise on the virus.

"Two days ago (Thursday), a

video conference was conducted between experts in Shanghai and 26 doctors in Malaysia.

"They shared their experiences in handling Covid-19 cases in China. The next step to consider is bringing Chinese experts to Malaysia," Yu said yesterday.

Earlier, he handed over three cartons of face masks to Umno

Supreme Council member Datuk Mohd Razlan Rafii, who received them on behalf of the party.

Razlan said the face masks would be distributed to frontliners and party members.

"This is not the first time that China has made a generous contribution to Malaysia and I believe it will not be the last," he said.