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QUEEN PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRONTLINERS

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Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah presenting the Ibn Khaldun Merit Award to Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, who is accepting it on behalf of frontliners, at International Islamic University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

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RAJA Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah yesterday extended her deepest appreciation to frontliners for their contributions and sacrifices in the battle against Covid-19.

She said Covid-19 had put significant pressure on everyone's life, but frontliners continued to devote their time and energy to contain the pandemic.

"On this memorable occasion, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thank you for the contributions and sacrifices made by all frontliners who continue to carry out their responsibilities regardless of the hardships and health risks.

"Thank you for being dedicated, courageous and selfless to overcome these challenges we are facing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the public who have volunteered to assist our frontliners."

Her Majesty said this in her speech in conjunction with the Ibn Khaldun Merit Award for global social transformation to Malaysian medical and security frontliners at International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation, International Islamic University of Malaysia.

Tunku Azizah, who is constitutional head of International Islamic University of Malaysia, said she was very proud that Malaysia was one of the first countries to come up with quick responses to protect citizens from the virus.

Apart from efforts by the government, she said, many contributions were made by Malaysians to overcome Covid-19.

"I am deeply honoured to present this award to the frontliners as a symbol of appreciation, gratitude and recognition for the services and efforts you have made during the rapid outbreak that our country and the world are grappling with.

"This award hopefully will raise your spirit in working hard in fighting Covid-19 which is still ongoing. InsyaAllah."

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah received the award on behalf of frontliners.

In a Facebook post, Dr Noor Hisham said the award symbolised the unceasing effort by frontliners in stemming the pandemic.

He said frontliners also played a crucial role in advising the government and National Security Council to ensure a systematic approach in curbing the virus.

"We do what is right for the country. We do what is right to protect our nation and to prevent more adverse effects of the pandemic.

"We all have to keep in mind that the health and safety of everyone should be everyone's responsibility.

"We believe that we could not have done all of this without the full support of the people. Let us not forget as well the sacrifices made by each and every family member of frontliners." **Bernama**