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Dear Professor Raja Affendi

On behalf of the Council of the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology, we would like to convey our deepest concern and great worries to the Government and the people of Malaysia on the ongoing COVID-19 situation and how this pandemic has affected your country as well as the other member societies of APAGE and nations around the world disastrously.

May we offer our solidarity and moral support to your members and you as well as the healthcare professionals and front liners in your country who have worked and are still working diligently and tirelessly to fight this epidemic and to resolve this challenge. Through collaboration and ingenuity, we are well positioned to confront COVID-19.

As an organization, we are hopeful that sometime during the coming weeks and months, we will look at this difficult time in the "rearview mirror". When we do, it will be with immense pride in how we have, individually and collectively, responded. Together we will survive and succeed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and our fellow colleagues in your country.

Sincerely,

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