

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

#### **Church Notice**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 ~

Tel.: 082-423424 Website: stjosephkuching.org Email: sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my

THE SECOND COLLECTION this week is for the A.C.C.P.C. Operations & Maintenance Fund.

THE SECOND COLLECTION last week for 'KASIH 2024' (a Fundraising Initiative of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia) amounted to RM12,144.65 (i.e. Cathedral-RM10,844.65 & Carmelite Chapel- RM1,300.00). Thank you for your generous contribution.

<u>CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2025</u> (priced at RM1.50 each) are available in 3 languages (English, Bahasa Malaysia & Mandarin) at the Rosary Mart and SJC Parish Office.



## **JULY 2025 TRAINEE INTAKE**

"Montfort: A Training Centre to Build Your Career and Personal Growth!"



- Open to youth aged 16–22 years.
- SPM/STPM leavers.
- Those without SPM or who failed SPM are also eligible to apply.
- Interested in Technical skills / TVET career

#### WHY CHOOSE MONTFORT?

- Government-Recognized Certification Accepted by industries.
- 70% Practical Training Focused on real-world industrial skills.
- Affordable Fees-Training provided with minimal contributions.
- Full-Residential Programme.
- Complete and well-equipped training facilities.
- Career Guidance & Job Placement, through partnerships with various industries.
- Opportunities for All No strict academic requirements, just a willingness to learn!
- A Second Chance Empowering disadvantaged youth to succeed.



Scan here!

For enquiries, please contact: 012 - 953 3010 (Mdm. Meta G.) 011 - 1566 4329 (Mr. Evan) 011 - 3153 5596 (Mr. Corllin) 019 - 832 3101 (Pastoral Care Unit) www.montfortsabah.org

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### **APPLY NOW!**



#### **OPEN INTERVIEW IN KUCHING!**

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ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL KUCHING, SARAWAK 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024



9AM - 12PM | 1PM - 4PM

COME & JOIN MONTFORT!

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Youth aged between 16 to 22 at the time of admission





Youth with limited academic achievements but a strong willingness to learn or an interest in vocational training and skill development.



Priority is given to those youth who are orphaned, from poor families, from single parent and from the rural and interiors of Sabah & Sarawak

For more Scan here!



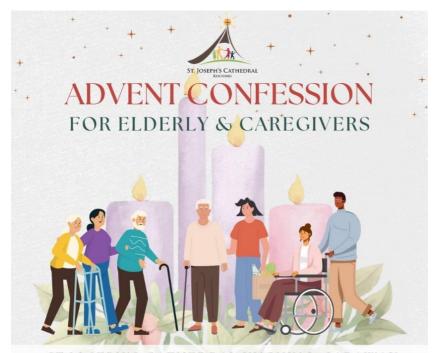
#### MONTFORT YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE (MYTC) JULY 2025 TRAINEE INTAKE

MYTC (based at Kinarut, Sabah) runs technical and vocational skills training and character formation programme for youths.

MYTC will be conducting an **outreach and recruitment drive in Kuching** for youths aged 16 to 22 years who are SPM / STPM leavers and interested to enrol in Technical & Vocational Education Training (TVET) field. Those without SPM or have failed their SPM are also eligible to apply. Details of the recruitment drive are as follows:

Recruitment Drive	Day, Date	Time	Venue
Roadshow & Open Booth	Sun, 15th December	Before & after 5:00 pm Sunday Evening Mass	Entrance of the Cathedral
Open Interview (Walk-in) & Open Booth	Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup> December Tue, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	St. Matthew room, Ground Floor, St. Joseph's Parish Centre

Further enquiries, please contact Mdm. Meta G. @ 012-953 3010; Mr. Evan @ 011-1566 4329; Mr. Corllin @ 011-3153 5596 or Pastoral Care Unit @ 019-832 3101.

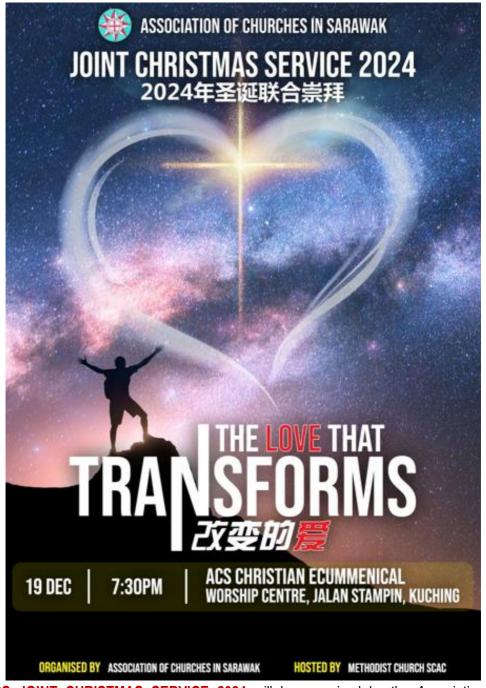


ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL KUCHING, SARAWAK 16 DEC (MONDAY) & 17 DEC (TUESDAY) 8:30AM - 11:00AM

<u>ADVENT CONFESSIONS</u> for the elderly and their accompanying caregivers will be held 8:30 am - 11:00 am on the following dates:

Day, Date	Venue
Monday, 16th December	St. Jacoph's Cathodral Kuching
Tuesday, 17th December	St. Joseph's Cathedral, Kuching

TRADITIONAL FILIPINO DAWN MASS 'SIMBANG GABI' will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Church, Kenyalang and the Kuching Filipino Community from 16th to 24th December at 5:00 am in anticipation of Christmas. The theme chosen for the Novena Masses is 'Prayer in Christian Life'. All are welcome!



ACS JOINT CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2024 will be organised by the Association of Churches in Sarawak (ACS) and hosted by the Methodist Church SCAC on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30 pm at the Christian Ecumenical Worship Centre, Jalan Stampin. All are welcome.

<u>APPEAL FOR FRESH FLOWERS</u> - Parishioners may donate fresh flowers (White Orchid, Red Carnation Red Anthurium, Yellow or White Statice) for Christmas decoration at the Cathedral sanctuary. Please send your flowers to the Sacristy on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December before 10:00 am.

#### HOLY MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday, 24th December) will be as follows:

Venue	Time	Language	Remarks
	6:00 pm	Bahasa Malaysia	The usual 5:30 pm
St. Joseph's Cathedral	8:00 pm	Mandarin	daily Mass will be
	12:00 midnight	English	cancelled.
Carmelite Chapel	12:00 midnight	English	

#### HOLY MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday, 25th December) will be as follows:

Venue	Time	Language	Remarks
	7:00 am*	English	
Ct. Joseph's Cathodral	9:00 am*	Mandarin	
St. Joseph's Cathedral	11:00 am*	Bahasa Malaysia	*Live-stream Mass.
	5:00 pm	English	
Carmelite Chapel	8:00 am	English	

<u>CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION</u> - The Parish Office and SJC Counselling Centre will be **closed** on Wednesday, **25**<sup>th</sup> **December**. For sick calls during public holidays, holy days of obligation and after office hours, please call 016-8922633. During normal office hours, please call the Parish Office at 082-423424.



# 圣若瑟总主教座堂 新春舞蹈呈现



\*13岁及以上的青年们

\*家长们



\*时间:29/12起每周五晚上7点30分至9点整 及每周日弥撒后10点30分至12点整

欲知更多详情可联络: Richard Ngui 魏茂强

016-887 6030



Flame Youth group is inviting youths (aged 13 years & above) together with both their parents (encouraged to participate as a couple) to be part of a special dance performance during the CNY Thanksgiving Mass in January 2025. First dance practice will be held on Sunday, **29**th **December** at St. James room and subsequent practices will be held as follows:

➤ Every Sunday: 10:30 am till 12:00 noon ➤ Every Friday: 7:30 pm till 9:00 pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to bond as a family while contributing to this meaningful event. No dance experience is required - just bring your enthusiasm and spirit of celebration! **Closing date** to sign up is Friday, **27**<sup>th</sup> **December**. Those interested may contact Richard Ngui @ 016-8876030 for more details.

**LOVE OFFERING BOXES** distributed by the Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood are available at the entrances to enable children in our parish to help other children in need. Parents are urged to inculcate the spirit of giving and encourage your children to participate in this Mission of the Church. Please return these boxes to the Parish Office latest by Thursday, **2**nd **January 2025**.



ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (for parishioners from Kuching Archdiocese only) will be conducted on 4th, 5th & 17th January in Mandarin. Couples planning to get married are advised to attend this course at least six months (preferably more than 6 months) before their intended church wedding. Proficiency in Mandarin is a prerequisite to register for this online course conducted via Zoom. The registration fee is RM80 per couple (including one set of coursebook). Registration will be open from 16th to 30th December OR when we reach the maximum capacity for each session (whichever comes first). Please register early via this link: https://sites.google.com/view/sjc-marriage-prep-course/home

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES (for parishioners from Kuching Archdiocese only) will be conducted physically at the A.C.C.P.C. on the following dates:

- 11th, 12th; 18th, 19th & 26th January in English
- 25th, 26th January & 9th February in Bahasa Malaysia

Couples planning to get married are advised to attend these courses at least six months (preferably more than 6 months) before their intended church wedding. The registration fee is RM200 per couple (inclusive of lunch / tea breaks and books). Registration will be open from 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December OR when we reach the maximum capacity for each session (whichever comes first). Please register early via this link:

https://sites.google.com/view/sic-marriage-prep-course/home





Teaching positions for academic year 2025 available at Private Secondary, Primary & International School now.







**TEACHING VACANCIES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025** are available for suitably qualified and committed teachers to join St. Joseph's Private Secondary, Primary and International Schools. **Retired government school teachers are most encouraged to apply.** Interested applicants may scan the QR code for further information.

<u>PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS</u> - St. Joseph's International School (SJIS) is offering two internationally recognised pre-university programs, namely **Cambridge A-Level** and **Western Australian Matriculation**. Registration is now open for their new intake (starting 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025). Those interested can contact SJIS at 082-411575 / 082-550575 for more information.



# KUCHING CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND COLUMBARIA SERVICES

# It all starts with charity.

Seeking your generous and kind contribution to maintain and improve the facilities within the compound of all our cemeteries.

The Custodian

Rev. Fr Vincent Chin





#### TO DONATE

ONLINE TRANSFER
The Archbishop of Kuching
Maybank Account

No.: 5112 5200 0808

- Remark "For KCCCS"
- WhatsApp to 016-8899237 proof of transfer if you need receipt.

OR

Drop KCCCS envelopes into

the collection bags during weekend masses at any parish in the Archdiocese.



# APPEAL FOR DONATION

APPEAL FOR DONATION TO THE KUCHING CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & COLUMBARIA SERVICES (KCCCS) - The Custodian of KCCCS is appealing for your generous donation for the maintenance and upkeep of our Catholic cemeteries and improvement of its facilities. Please support!

<u>S PAY GLOBAL / SARAWAK PAY QR CODE STICKERS</u> on the Church pews are made available for the convenience of our parishioners and also to facilitate weekend Mass collections. However, these stickers quite often need to be replaced because they were found partially torn or defaced. We appeal to parents not to let your young children play, tear or draw on these stickers.



<u>CATHOLIC FUNERAL & BURIAL SERVICE</u> - The Catholic Mutual Benefit Society (CMBS) of the Kuching Archdiocese provides assistance to bereaved families at the time of death. Their services include providing advice regarding Christian rituals, cemetery plots, columbarium, caskets, transportation, arrangement for funeral masses, wake prayers for the dead, etc..

For more information regarding membership or in time of need / bereavement, **Catholics** are advised to contact the following persons for assistance to avoid unnecessary hassle and confusion with regards to Catholic funeral rites and services:

CMBS Office: Beatrice Mary Goh (Tel: 082-244493) On-call: Christopher Chin (Hp: 019-8563438)

# ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR MASS OFFERING (MO) & COMBINED REQUIEM MASS (CRM) - Parishioners may offer Mass online via the below links:

Туре	Link
Mass Offering (MO)	https://forms.gle/APkbscLMAG2Bcd7F9
Combined Requiem Mass (CRM)	https://forms.gle/yNixf4JrhMN61Z9h9

To offer Mass, parishioners can also visit our Parish website: https://stjosephkuching.org. If you face any difficulty registering using the above link, please email your queries to sicoffice@yahoo.com.my and our admin staff will revert soonest.

Mass Offering (MO) intentions will be offered by our priests privately on a daily basis except on Sunday. Any request for a mass to be said for your prayer intention on a 'specified' date must be submitted to the Parish Office <u>at least one week in advance</u>. Otherwise, your prayer intentions will be offered up at any time (at the discretion of our priests).

Intentions for Combined Requiem Mass (CRM) in December will be offered on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please send in your CRM form with proof of payment by Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December before 12:00 noon.

Note: The stipend (money) given by the Christian faithful for a Mass to be offered for a particular intention is not a fee but an expression of our gratitude to God and our contribution to the Church. Official receipts will be issued by the Parish Office accordingly.



### www.kuchingcjc.com

THE BUNAN RESILIENCE PROJECT is a pilot project of the Archdiocese of Kuching to support the farmers of Bunan by marketing their produce in Kuching. By doing so, we help them to remain economically resilient in the face of growing uncertainties. Visit https://kuchingcjc.com/ and order fresh, locally-grown produce for your family while supporting an entire community!

Orders received by Thursday noon each week can be collected on Saturday mornings at either the A.C.C.P.C. Car park (St. Joseph's Cathedral ground) OR Holy Trinity Church, Kenyalang. Payment is by cash during pick-up. In the future, we hope to establish more pick-up centres at other parishes. Come support the Bunan Resilience Project TODAY!

<u>SJC COUNSELLING CENTRE</u> is offering counselling service and emotional support for individuals, couples, family and support groups for various issues.

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Please call, WhatsApp or email to: Counselling Office Tel: 082-258046 Email: sjckch.counsellor@gmail.com
Saturday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Kimberly Hp: 018-3539799 Nelly Hp: 018-2529899

#### Note:

- The centre is closed on Sunday, Public Holiday & Church Holy Days of Obligation.
- Love-offering for the Church will be collected from our clients.

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Church Offices	SJC Parish Office	SJC Catechetical Office	Archdiocesan Library & History Gallery
Monday to Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	8:30 am - 12:00 noon
	082-423424 / 423425 (Front Office Staff: Annie / Joanna)	082-412650 (Catechetical Staff: Sarah / Ronita / Angeline)	082-420802 (Library Staff: Olivia Inoi)
Contact Nos.	WhatsApp: 082-423424 OR go to	WhatsApp: 082-412650	
	https://wa.me/6082423424 Email: sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my	Email: sjckch.faithformation@ gmail.com	

#### Note:

- The above offices are closed on Sunday, Public Holiday & Church Holy Days of Obligation.
- For sick calls after normal office hours, please contact Hp: 016-8922633.

HOLY CROSS CENTRE (located at No. 681, Lorong 1, Jalan Bayor Bukit, Tabuan Jaya, 93350 Kuching. Tel.: 082 363945) is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm. Wearing face mask is compulsory. Praying over and consultation will be done at the porch area. (The centre is closed on public holidays, major Church feast days, or otherwise informed.) The Holy Cross Ministry's weekly Fellowship is held every Tuesday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Sts. John & Lucy Conference Hall, Level 2, A.C.C.P.C. (except on public holidays).

#### **DAILY MASS & HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**

Venue	Daily Mass	Holy Hour
Carmelite Chapel	Monday - Saturday, 7:00 am (English)	Friday, 7:30 pm (English)
Weekday Chapel,		
St. Joseph's	Monday - Friday, 5:30 pm (English)	-
Cathedral		

#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Venue	Day	Time	Language	Remarks
	Saturday	6:00 pm	English	• Car park in front of the
St. Joseph's Cathedral	Sunday	7:00 am*	English	Cathedral is <b>RESERVED</b> for cars ferrying elderly
		9:00 am*	Mandarin	passengers, particularly those with special needs and those with walking difficulty.
		11:00 am*	BM	
		5:00 pm	English	After Mass, the back gate next
Carmelite Chapel	Sunday	8:00 am	English	to the Sarawak Club will be opened for cars to exit the Cathedral compound.

<sup>\*</sup>Live-stream Mass.

Please go to https://www.facebook.com/arch.kuching

#### **GENERAL REMINDER**

Parishioners are reminded to show reverence to the Lord and consideration for others as follows. We seek your kind cooperation and understanding so that we can all worship comfortably as a Church:

- Please arrive early and be seated at least 10 minutes before Mass begins to avoid causing unnecessary interruption or distraction.
- The sacredness of the Eucharistic celebration urges all participants to **dress appropriately** when entering the Church for Holy Mass and manifest the importance of what we are doing as a worshipping community.
- Wearing of face masks in Church is no longer mandatory but highly encouraged, especially in crowded and closed environment.
- Those sick with flu-like symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, runny nose, etc.) are to exercise prudence and refrain from joining the congregation in Church.

# PROPER ATTIRE

T-SHIRT OR LONG SLEEVES



**BLOUSE WITH SLEEVES** 



POLO SHIRT OR COLLARED SHIRT



KNEE-LENGTH DRESS WITH SLEEVES



**JEANS OR SLACKS** 



**KNEE-LENGTH SKIRTS** 



SHOES

# **IMPROPER ATTIRE**



SLEEVELESS AND PLUNGING NECKLINES



TUBES AND RACERBACKS



SINGLETS



SHORT SKIRTS



SHORTS



CAP



SLIPPERS

#### WEEKLY MASS COLLECTION AND DONATIONS

Parishioners are encouraged to <u>contribute weekly</u> to help defray the Cathedral's operations and maintenance cost.

Please make your donations via **S Pay Global** by scanning this QR code. Verify that the recipient is '**St. Joseph's Cathedral**' before confirming the transaction.

You may also drop your weekly donations into the big wooden Collection Boxes placed at the Cathedral entrances OR do **online transfer or cash deposit** to St. Joseph's Cathedral Bank Account as follows:



St. Joseph's Cathedral

# Archbishop of Kuching Saint Josephs Cathedral Maybank Bhd Account Number: 511038613081



<u>PENITENTIAL SERVICES</u> - Priest will be available to hear confessions half an hour before the Sunset and Sunday Masses at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please maintain physical distancing and do not congregate at the area while waiting for your turn to make your confession.

Kindly adhere to the following SOP. Penitents are to:

- ☑ Keep face mask on at all times.
- ☑ Be well-prepared to make confession without undue delay.
- ☑ Perform penance after returning to seat in the Church.
- ☑ Bring own hand sanitiser.

THE NOVENA DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP is held every Saturday at 5:00 pm before the 6:00 pm English Sunset Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. All are welcome. Those attending only the Novena are to be seated at the loft opposite the Choir. Parishioners can also submit your petition request or letter of thanksgiving through the google online form at https://forms.gle/oTqtZMQsr1hC5PDr6.

#### ONLINE CALVARY HOUR OF MERCY

Day	Language	Time	Zoom link
Sunday	English		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86178307498? pwd=UVZ6MTdJSmRyeDZwUTMweC95U
Monday	English	2:55 pm - 4:00 pm	FBDdz09
Tuesday	Mandarin		Meeting ID: <b>861 7830 7498</b> Passcode: <b>prayhour</b>



# 3 O'CLOCK

# HE HOUR OF **GREAT MERCY YOU are invited to our Daily Devotion to** THE DIVINE MERC

Venue: Day Chapel, St. Joseph's Cathedral Time: 3pm

### **DIVINE MERCY PROMISES**

"...you can obtain everything for vourself and for others for the asking: it was the hour of grace for the whole world."

"... Through the CHAPLET you will obtain everything. if what you ask for is compatible with My will."



"By means of this IMAGE I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

fell me about everything, be sincere in dealing with Me, reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them, and your suffering will become a source of your sanctification.

A suffering soul is closest to My Heart."



<u>DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION IN MANDARIN</u> is held **every Saturday**, **3:00 pm** at **Mother Mary Prayer Room**, 1st floor, Parish Centre. All are welcome!

<u>DONATIONS</u> FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED - Please continue to support the Catholic Welfare Services financially as we minister to the poor and needy in our midst irrespective of race or creed. Parishioners may donate to C.W.S. via S Pay Global by scanning this QR code. Verify that the recipient is 'Catholic Welfare Services' before confirming the transaction. Parishioners may also do online transfer or cash deposit to the following:



Catholic Welfare Services

Catholic Welfare Services Council Sarawak
Maybank Bhd Account Number: 511234019806

Please contact or WhatsApp **Ms. Angelina William Hp: 010-6581641 / Tel: 082-241407** once you have made the donation. Tax Exempt Receipts will be issued accordingly.

<u>BAPTISM OF BABIES</u> is conducted in English or Bahasa Malaysia in the Cathedral. Parents with babies to be baptised are to register online at https://formfaca.de/sm/y2oT0Qf\_P and upload the scanned copy of all the required documents stipulated below:

Parents	Sponsor (Godparent)
✓ Your child's Birth certificate or	✓ MyKad (or Passport)
Adoption certificate	✓ Baptismal certificate
✓ MyKid (if any)	✓ Confirmation certificate
✓ Family Record Book	✓ Family Record Book or
-	Marriage certificate (issued by Catholic Church)

Only Parents who have submitted complete set of the required documents will be accepted and the Parish Office will inform you when and where to attend the Rite of Baptism in due course. You will then be required to send in your original Family Record Book for updating before the actual rite.

According to Canon Law # 874, a Sponsor (Godparent) must be a baptised, confirmed and practising Catholic. If married, his / her marriage must already be blessed in the Catholic Church. (This does not apply to those who were not Catholics [both husband & wife] at the time of their civil marriage).

<u>THE SSVP THRIFT SHOP</u> is open **every Sunday** from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. All proceeds will be for the poor and needy. Please support!

#### **REMINDER TO ALL DONORS**

Kindly donate goods & clothing that are in decent and sellable condition to the SSVP Thrift Shop. Your kind understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL (SGH) APPEAL FOR BLOOD DONATION

Parishioners are encouraged to donate blood at **SGH Blood Bank anytime from Monday to Friday**, **7:30 am till 4:00 pm**. For inquiries, please call the SGH Blood Bank Tel. No.: 082-276797 or 010-8578909 (Mr. Borhan).



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