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WATER and wastewater engineering company Salcon Bhd held its 11th blood donation drive at Summit USJ Mall.

The campaign was aimed at replenishing blood supply nationwide and generating public awareness about the need to donate blood regularly to save lives.

The one-day blood donation drive saw a total of 111 registrations and 71 pints of blood collected which could potentially save up to 213 lives.

Salcon Bhd corporate general manager Chern Meng Gaik said, "The blood donation drive this year is more critical than ever because of the unprecedented medical crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We answered the call from the National Blood Centre to organise this campaign as stock in the country's blood bank decreased by 40% during the movement control order compared to the same period in earlier years."

National Blood Centre's Dr Siti Aisyah Idris said hospitals across the country needed about 2,000 to 3,000 units of blood per day.

"We urge the public to make a pledge to donate blood regularly to overcome the shortage.

"Donors can be rest assured that it is safe as healthcare workers will adhere to the standard operating procedure.

"It is heartening to see Salcon employees and the public turning up enthusiastically to support this drive," she added.

A member of the public donating blood at the drive held at the mall.