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CHINA JOINS BATTLE TO PREVENT COVID-19 FROM SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has joined in the battle to prevent the deadly corona virus from infecting Solomon Islands.

China yesterday has donated US\$300, 000.00 to assist the Solomon Islands Government to buy testing kits and other laboratory equipment to strengthen the capacity and capability of health authorities.

Solomon Islands so far has not recorded any positive cases of the virus since it was declared as a pandemic by WHO last month.

The Chinese Government is also making arrangements to ship a total of 125,000 pairs of protective gloves to Honiara soon.

Officials from the two Governments are also discussing the possibility of organizing a chartered flight from French Polynesia (Tahiti) to pick up medical supplies from China to Honiara.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Province of Guangdong is currently making arrangements to ship thousands of facemasks and protective garments to Honiara as part of its assistance package to the people of Solomon Islands.

The Solomon Islands Government commends the cooperation of bilateral, multilateral and donor partners for their support in efforts to prevent the entry of Covid-19 into the country.

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