

New gel-based disinfectant sticks

THE use of the right type of disinfectant is crucial in preventing the spread of diseases like influenza and now, Covid-19.

Since there are many types of disinfectant on the market, it is important to understand the efficacy of such products to protect yourself and others in various settings.

With Dr Clo becoming a globally trusted brand and being a household name in South Korea, the gel-based disinfectant stick is now available in Malaysia through its exclusive importer and distributor Clotech Sdn Bhd.

Known as an "all-round" disinfectant stick, this is the sixth variant of the product that provides 24-hour disinfection, and is easy to use and convenient. It is the world's first and only gel-based chlorine dioxide (ClO₂) disinfectant stick from South Korea.

Invented, manufactured and directly imported from South Korea's NON Corporation, Dr Clo disinfectant stick has been proven to eliminate 99.9% of airborne and surface-dwelling viruses and bacteria in a room-sized range, without causing any harm to the users.

This is achieved by its breakthrough, globally patented nanotechnology filter and gel-based ClO₂ formula which, upon activation by bending the stick, combine to emit the antibacterial and antiviral ClO₂ at a safe and stable rate.

Clotech chief operating officer Jimmy Tan



The Dr Clo product range for every nook and corner at home and workplaces.

said that Dr Clo's latest variant, which could withstand temperatures up to 80°C, would be available at about 800 Malaysian outlets this month.

"Our role is to promote Dr Clo to become a healthy lifestyle device that can keep our environment safe.

"We brought in five variants of Dr Clo in July last year, and started marketing in

September. The response was overwhelming," he said.

There are variants of Dr Clo designed for the refrigerator, pets, bathroom, households and automobile, and could be used for certain temperatures.

"This is the only disinfectant stick that is portable and environment-friendly. It is odourless," said Tan.

"Dr Clo products are for disinfecting, sterilising, deodorising and removing harmful gas," he said at a press event at Wisma Huazong in Seri Kembangan, Selangor.

Tan shared that a surface experiment conducted by Konkuk University in Seoul had shown that Dr Clo is effective against the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19.

"The experiment was followed up by a test by Seoul National University against airborne Covid-19 and Influenza A within an environmental testing chamber, and Dr Clo was proven yet again to be effective," he pointed out.

He said Clotech would educate the public

through its website and social media, and hold regular programmes, including with retailers, on the proper usage, safety and efficacy of Dr Clo.

Clotech director Ng Lyp Hau said that Dr Clo was founded by NON Corporation in 2015, and is now available in over 30 countries including South Korea, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain, France, Germany and the United Arab Emirates.

Ng said Dr Clo disinfectant sticks, priced at RM63 each, works 24/7 for up to 50 days upon activation.

Clotech exclusive distributor Eric Choong added: "All six variants of Dr Clo are fully supported by the Korean government because it is a technology breakthrough product. The manufacturer of Dr Clo was also awarded for its design in South Korea."

At the product launch event in Seri Kembangan, Choong said that Dr Clo has 18 safety and efficacy certificates (www.drcl.com.my/certificates) from agencies and regulators across the globe, proving its ability to eliminate 99.9% of viruses and bacteria in a room without causing any harm to the people.

Meanwhile, dP Fluiteq Sdn Bhd managing director Dev Menon said: "The World Health Organization (WHO) only recommends 0.1ppm of ClO₂ exposure for eight hours time awaited average.

"The new product, including all five variants of Dr Clo, emits 0.01ppm to 0.02ppm (10 times lower than industry safety guideline), which is safe for everybody, including pets," Dev added.

Chemist Peter Chang said that the people should not have any misconception of the efficacy of the product, and that its usage can be adjusted according to the room's space.

"If the room is ventilated, the concentration of gas emission will be reduced, which is much safer," he added.

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LIKE fine wine, we get better with age. Unfortunately for many, this saying cannot be applied to health.

As years are added to your life, health becomes a big concern as the body's systems start to slow down and grow vulnerable to diseases.

Diet becomes a huge game changer and many foods we indulged in during our younger years can no longer be enjoyed because of common health complications. Health checks start to become routine and the doctor's office familiar.

While cholesterol and blood pressure tests are often carried out, the elderly should be extra vigilant for diseases that are not easily detected. Here are some tests that can be taken to stay on guard and prevent life-threatening diseases.

Skin checks

Moles and random skin growths are not a rare sight. Although mostly harmless, keeping an eye on them is vital as the clock ticks on.

What may have been a regular mole during your spirited teenage years could develop into something more sinister – a rare form of skin cancer called malignant melanoma.

This skin cancer is linked to the accumulation of sun exposure over a lifetime, so the disease is more likely to hit in old age. With Malaysia's year-round tropical sun, this certainly sets some alarms ringing.

Spotting new moles developing or noticing any changes in colour, size or shape of existing ones are common symptoms of melanoma and should be immediately followed by a visit to the doctor.

Eye tests

This may be an obvious one, but many

with no history of wearing glasses use never visit the optometrist.

Undergoing a yearly eye test can help detect early signs of medical conditions such as diabetes and glaucoma, which the elderly are more susceptible to.

Ageing can also result in reduced eyesight. Those who previously did not wear glasses could benefit from having a pair prescribed.

Breast cancer screening

This one is for all the fine mothers and grandmothers. Having a mammogram taken could detect breast cancer in its early stages, making it easier to deal with.

As it is the most common cancer among women, a yearly mammogram is recommended. Self-checking for lumps or tangible inconsistencies between screenings is also wise.

Cervical screening

For women, this smear test detects abnormalities in the cervix that could lead to cervical cancer. However, since cervical cancer is rarely diagnosed through this test, it needs only be done every few years.

Bowel cancer screening

Eight out of ten people who get bowel cancer are above the age of 60, with men being at a greater risk.

As the early symptoms of bowel cancer are difficult to detect, noticing that something is wrong could already be too late. Bowel cancer screening detects potential problems and symptoms and should be done every one to two years.

Age brings wisdom. Be wise and schedule these appointments today.

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