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## Screenings ramped up at Kuantan Port, airport

**KUANTAN:** Screening measures have been stepped up at the Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Airport (LT-SAS) and the Kuantan Port here to curb the spread of 2019-nCoV.

A LTSAS spokesman said thermal scanners manned by health officers have been installed at the main terminal to screen international passengers upon their arrival at the airport.

The screening process is conducted before the passengers step out of the main arrival hall after collecting their luggage.

"Passengers with symptoms will be moved to an isolation room before being attended to by medical personnel.

"Besides flights from Kuala Lumpur, we have passengers ar-



Tourists donning face masks at the Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Airport in Kuantan yesterday. PIC BY MUHAMMAD ASYRAF SAWAL

riving through direct flights from Singapore and Penang," he told the New Straits Times.

Kuantan District Health officer Dr Fatimah A. Majid said two international entry points here, LT-SAS and Kuantan Port, were being monitored by the health department.

"Crew members from three vessels which arrived from China had also been screened with thermal scanners at the port.

"So far they (foreigners) have been cooperative and to date no 2019-nCoV cases were recorded.

"Those displaying cold and flu like symptoms, including cough and fever, will be taken to the Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital for further treatment.

"The public has been reminded not to circulate unverified news on the virus which will only cause panic among the people here," she said, adding for updates on the virus, the public can refer to the Health Ministry's website (www.moh.gov.my/ncov2019).