

Answers sought for wedding industry post-MCO

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KUALA LUMPUR: Wedding planners and associated groups badly hit by the Covid-19 pandemic and movement control order (MCO) have urged the government to come up with a ruling on mass gatherings post-MCO so that wedding planning can resume.

Wedding Professionals Association of Malaysia president Patrick Low said that although there were 206,253 weddings in the country in 2018 according to the Department of Statistics, it was alarming that couples are not planning for weddings currently due to the uncertainty of the duration of the MCO and the protocols that the government is expected to issue on mass gatherings post-MCO.

“For the wedding industry to survive and resume post-MCO, we will need to encourage and ensure that couples continue planning for their weddings post-MCO.

“And couples will only likely do so when the government announces its position on mass gatherings,” he said in a press conference yesterday.

Low said that if mass gatherings are allowed, the association will need to know the maximum number of people allowed per gathering, in particular for wedding celebrations and the standard operating procedure (SOP) that need to be put in place during weddings.

The statement was co-signed by Association Of Wedding Professionals president Leticia Hsu, Penang Wedding Professionals Association president Low Chin Siang, Malay Wedding and Portrait Photographers Malaysia president Rudy Hirwan and Malaysian Gifts and Premium Association president Peh Leong Seng.

According to the statement, the wedding industry is supporting the livelihood of many micro-entrepreneurs who cover the many segments of the wedding industry.

Low said that once the guidelines and protocols are announced by

the government, it will then allow those in the wedding industry to brief couples on the necessary steps to be taken for their wedding celebrations, collaborate with one another to ensure the SOP is implemented and adhered to during weddings.



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planning for their weddings with a clear direction, and making bookings with wedding vendors as well as venues.

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