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Celebrating Women Empowerment Special Series | Sharon Tantrawan

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Sharon Tantrawan is a senior professional education manager for Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies in Asia Pacific, focusing on orthopaedic training for surgeons through our DePuy Synthes portfolio of solutions.

What have been your key contributions within the organisation towards fighting covid-19?

Professional education is a critical need for surgeons. COVID-19 created significant barriers for delivering that education across Asia Pacific. This prompted us in DePuy Synthes to reimagine the way we deliver hands-on training, piloting a hybrid virtual model with lectures, case discussions, and simulations hosted at facilities throughout the region. This approach has enabled the team to both deliver immersive educational programs and extend their reach and impact to nearly three times more surgeons. Following the program’s success in Asia Pacific, the model is now being brought to scale by DePuy Synthes globally.

How have you been able to tackle the pressure created by the pandemic?

The lines between our professional and personal lives blurred more than ever before. This experience has reinforced the importance of self-care, self-awareness, and self-connection. I've cultivated newfound empathy and compassion for myself, which has encouraged me to turn the chair outwards and deepen the way I champion these values for others. It's what has motivated me to take a leadership role in the Johnson & Johnson WiSTEM2D initiative, empowering women and girls to pursue careers in STEM2D – and remain focused on the profound impact we can make on our communities during moments of crisis and well into our future.