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MALAYSIANS URGED TO SIGN UP FOR THE COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

Kuching, 13 March 2021 – Malaysian are urged to quickly register for the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme in doing their bit to curb the pandemic and subsequently enable the nation to focus on recovery process.

The response rate, to date, is still underwhelming, where only 5.17 million or 21 per cent have registered via MySejahtera, as of March 10, and only 345,646 have secured appointment. To date, 223, 923 have taken the vaccine.

Minister of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Dato Sri Dr Wan Junaidi said in order to effectively flatten the curve of the infection, it is crucial for Malaysians to get themselves vaccinated.

He also reminded the people not to read, listen and believe to rumours and false reporting widely circulated via social media, aimed at creating unnecessary fear and confusion pertaining to the vaccine.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected us in many aspects. It has literally immobilised us, following the movement restriction orders imposed, and because of this, our economy too has suffered.

“It was estimated that Malaysia suffered RM2.4 billion losses per day during the first Movement Control Order (MCO) and RM300 million daily during the second MCO this year. We cannot be in lockdown forever. That is why it is crucial for everyone to take the vaccine so that we can fully open up businesses and can execute the various recovery programmes to aid the economy,” he said during a Malaysia Prihatin programme held at Kg Buntal Community Centre, here, today.

The first MCO was carried on March 18 2020 as a measure to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the rising cases nationwide, the government decided to carry out MCO 2.0 on January 13, 2021.

The Malaysia Prihatin (Malaysia Cares) is a Government-led nationwide programme to spread awareness, aspirations and hopes of all Malaysians in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and to educate the public on the National COVID-19 immunisation programme.

Themed "Protect Yourself, Protect All", the programme was implemented in three phases, with Phase 1 from February to April 2021 for frontliners involving 500,000 people.

Phase 2 from April to August involves senior citizens aged 60 and above, high risk group and the disabled involving 9.4 million people, while Phase 3 from May this year to February 2022 for the population aged 18 and above - Malaysians and non-citizens - with a target of over 13.7 million people.

Meanwhile at the event, Dr Wan Junaidi, who is also Santubong Member of Parliament, presented RM200,000 worth donations under Yayasan Bank Rakyat 'Back to School' CRS programme.

The donations, involving 1,000 students from Tg Datu, Pantai Damai and Demak Laut, were presented to school representatives as well as local leaders.

In the same ceremony, the MP also presented RM24,100 medical assistance fund to 41 recipients living in the Santubong constituency.

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