PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

**UPDATES ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA**

Official Name for the New Coronavirus Disease

On 11 February 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially named 2019-nCoV infection as **COVID-19**.

- "CO" – corona
- "VI" – virus
- "D" – disease
- "19" – the year that the disease was first reported i.e. 31 December 2019

This official name was chosen to avoid any stigma associated with a geographical location, an animal, an individual or group of people, while still being pronounceable and related to the disease.

Viral News with reference to Case 18

- 50 new close contacts have been identified, resulting in a cumulative of **72 close contacts**;
    - 42 of which have been located and clinical samples taken. Of these, 7 are family members and all tested negative for COVID-19 infection, while the remaining 35 individuals are awaiting results.
    - 30 individuals are still being searched and located.

- There was a recent viral news that Case 18 had attended a function in a school in Selangor. Disinfection activities at the school (main hall and toilets) have been conducted.

Current status in Malaysia

As of 12 February 2020, 12 pm, **no** new cases were reported today. The total cumulative confirmed 2019-nCoV cases in Malaysia **remains** at **18 cases**;
- **Eight (8)** from amongst Patient-Under-Investigation (PUI);
- **Eight (8)** from amongst close contacts; and
- **Two (2)** amongst Malaysians evacuated through the HADR from Wuhan.

Out of these:
- Twelve (12) were Chinese nationals; and
- Six (6) Malaysians.

Three (3) cases have been discharged well so far.

Cumulatively, 175 close contacts have been identified.

MOH will continue to monitor the latest development of the COVID-19 infection through information and updates provided by the WHO. MOH will also continually update the public on any latest development of this infection. In addition, MOH will ensure that appropriate prevention and control activities are implemented effectively.

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