**PRESS STATEMENT**
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

**Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered**

11 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **165 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 1,995 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (44.04% of total cumulative cases).

**Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia**

11 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **184 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **4,530 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia.

Currently, **72 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 38 cases are on ventilation support.

After removing cases discharged well and deaths, there are **currently 2,462 active COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and treated. Based on the disease trajectory projection by MOH, by 14 April 2020 (end of Phase 2 of the Movement Control Order or MCO), the number of active is estimated to be about 2,033 cases. This may indicate some degree of success of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the MCO in reducing the spread of COVID-19 infection in the community. Therefore, MOH advises the public to continue to assist the Government in the efforts to break the COVID-19 infection transmission in the community by staying

at home, practicing social distancing of at least 1 metre from others and frequently washing hands.

Regretfully, **three (3) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **73 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.61% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #71**: Case 3,091 is a 66 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension and gout. He was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 452) from the Seri Petaling cluster. He was admitted into Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital, Negeri Sembilan on 1 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 11 April 2020 at 12.05 pm.

2. **Death #72**: Case 537 is a 71 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. He was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital, Selangor on 15 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 11 April 2020 at 11.15 am.

3. **Death #73**: Case 2,399 is a 63 year-old Malaysia man with a history of hypertension. He was admitted into Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Perak on 25 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 11 April 2020 at 12.00 pm.

MOH conveys condolences to all the family members.

**Current Status of COVID-19 Infection Amongst MOH Healthcare Workers**

As of 10 April 2020, 12 pm, a total of **224 MOH healthcare workers (HCWs)** have been reported to be positive for COVID-19. Investigations thus far have shown that **none** of these cases were due to managing confirmed COVID-19 cases in the wards or ICUs in MOH healthcare facilities.

Of these 224 cases amongst MOH HCWs:

- 150 cases (67%) were community-acquired (including infection from colleagues who were infected in the community)
- 41 cases (18%) were associated with patients:
    - 29 cases from patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)
    - 9 cases from patients with unknown COVID-19 status prior to treatment
    - 3 cases from screening and related activities in the field
- 33 cases (15%) are still under investigation

MOH will continue to give priority on the safety of HCWs, especially the frontliners who continue to work hard in managing the COVID-19 situation in the interest of the nation.

Various measures have been taken to ensure continued safety and health of HCWs, including:

- Assessment of the needs and stocks of personal protective equipment (PPE) in all healthcare facilities to ensure adequate supply of PPE
- All cases of SARI and pneumonia will be assumed as COVID-19 infection until proven otherwise
- Strengthening triaging i.e. the evaluation and isolation of patients suspected of having COVID-19 symptoms when they attend healthcare facilities, and by providing them with facemasks
- Ensuring that HCWs treating confirmed COVID-19 cases use the recommended PPE, while HCWs treating patients not suspected to be COVID-19 to wear facemasks
- Ensuring that HCWs practice all precautionary and preventive measures such as hand hygiene and practice social distancing of at least 1 metre, based on needs and suitability

MOH strongly advises that all HCWs and frontliners, including private medical practitioners and NGOs, must wear facemasks in managing and treating patients.

MOH appreciates the sacrifices and dedication of all HCWs serving at all healthcare facilities, whether in the front line, support services or behind the scenes. MOH is deeply committed to protecting the safety and health of all MOH HCWs.

Thank you.

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11 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

## Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 11 April 2020, 12 pm)

| State | No. of New Cases | Cumulative |
|---|---|---|
| Perlis | 0 | 17 |
| Kedah | 0 | 93 |
| Pulau Pinang | 5 | 114 |
| Perak | 1 | 243 |
| Selangor | 35 | 1,183 |
| Negeri Sembilan | 17 | 309 |
| Melaka | 8 | 141 |
| Johor | 21 | 544 |
| Pahang | 27 | 214 |
| Terengganu | 1 | 102 |
| Kelantan | 2 | 151 |
| Sabah | 10 | 260 |
| Sarawak | 7 | 334 |
| WP Kuala Lumpur | 46 | 759 |
| WP Putrajaya | 2 | 51 |
| WP Labuan | 2 | 15 |
| **Total** | **184** | **4,530** |