PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA
5 September 2020

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **21 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 9,113 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (97.0% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

5 September 2020, 12 pm – a total of **six (6) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,391 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 150 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the six (6) additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) **Malaysians** and two (2) **non-Malaysians**. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Pakistan – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Angola – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- India – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Bangladesh – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

The two (2) **local transmission** cases are among Malaysians. The details are as follows:

- Kedah – 1 case: From the Telaga Cluster, as detailed below.
- Sabah – 1 case: From Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) screening in Lahad Datu Hospital.

Currently, five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), with three (3) patients on ventilation support. **No additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **128 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.36% of total cumulative cases).

Current Status of the Telaga Cluster

One (1) additional confirmed case is reported today for this cluster in Kedah. This case (Case 9,391) was a close contact to the index case (Case 9,284) in Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital. The case was found to be positive for COVID-19 during screening done on 3 September 2020. Therefore, cumulatively there are now **nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases** in this cluster. As of 5 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 3,458 individuals have been screened in this cluster. Of these:

- Nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 2,744 individuals tested negative
- 705 individuals awaiting results

Active case detection and screening of close contacts is still ongoing.

The COVID-19 Vaccine and Recognition of the Malaysian Healthcare System

MOH would like to inform that the World Health Organization (WHO) has held a press conference on 4 September 2020. During this session, the WHO stressed that vaccines are effective in curbing the spread of

diseases such as smallpox, polio and other similar diseases. However, the **effectiveness and safety of vaccines** are important factors in vaccine use. This matter should not be taken lightly and therefore, to ensure these factors, any potential vaccines need to go through several tests and phases. To date, **no COVID-19 vaccine has been certified effective and safe by the WHO**.

The WHO also explained some of the COVID-19 prevention measures that can be practiced by every individual in preventing COVID-19 infection, and these are in line with the advisories that are often emphasised by the MOH.

In the WHO news highlight on the same day, the Malaysian Government has been recognised for having a strong healthcare system and providing universal health coverage (UHC). The healthcare system in Malaysia is also recognised to have strong foundations in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic through its past experiences. MOH appreciates the recognition by the WHO and remains committed to strengthening the country's healthcare system to ensure the well-being of the people and the progress of the country.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advices the public to continue to follow the recommendations and health advisories that are often emphasised. These advisories must be incorporated as the new normal in our daily life, including:

- Avoid the **3Cs**: Avoid **C**rowded places; **C**onfined spaces; and **C**lose conversations.

- Practice the **3Ws**: **W**ash hands frequently with water and soap; **W**earing facemasks is now mandatory in public areas (starting from 1 August 2020 as directed by the National Security Council) or highly recommended if symptomatic; **W**arn self and others for the following, in line with MOH's advisories:

- Avoid shaking hands or touching others, including bumping parts of the body in lieu of shaking hands
- Practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette
- Seek early treatment if symptomatic
- Stay at home and avoid from visiting others
- Regularly clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces in common areas

In addition to the SOPs, continue to adhere to **THiS** as the new normal:

- **T**: Terms set under the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO)
- **Hi**: High-risk groups such as children, infants, older adults and the disabled must be protected, and if unwell with symptoms, to seek early treatment
- **S**: Safe physical distancing is practiced at all times, of at least 1 metre away from others

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation, both in the country as well as internationally, based on available information from the World Health Organization (WHO). The public will be continuously updated on the latest information. In addition, MOH will ensure that appropriate preventive and control measures are continuously implemented.

Thank you.

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5 September 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 5 September 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	32
Kedah	1	224
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	0	2,177
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,037
Melaka	0	262
Johor	0	752
Pahang	0	371
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	1	433
Sarawak	0	699
WP Kuala Lumpur	4 (4)	2,603
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	**6 (4)**	**9,391**

*(   ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case