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MRC ORGANISED COVID-19 VACCINATION OUTREACH PROGRAMME TO HELP EXPAND THE NATIONAL COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

KUALA NERUS, 7 August 2021 - Malaysian Rubber Council (MRC), in collaboration with the Ibn Sina Malaysia Medical Charity Organisation (PAPISMA), organised a COVID-19 Vaccination Outreach Programme in five states, including Terengganu, Melaka, Kedah, Selangor and Kelantan, to help the Ministry of Health (MOH) expand its National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme reach.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Outreach Program at PPV Masjid Kg Gemuroh, Kuala Nerus was also attended by Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Yang Berhormat Dato' Dr. Mohd Khairuddin Aman Razali. This programme is part of MRC's corporate social responsibility initiative, supporting MOH's goal of achieving herd immunity by protecting the public from COVID-19 infection and reducing the rate of positive cases through high immunisation coverage.

To date, 13 COVID-19 Vaccination Outreach Programmes have been carried out in selected mosques and had benefited a total of 4,452 recipients in Terengganu, Kelantan and Melaka to receive their COVID-19 vaccine injections.

The mosque was selected as the Vaccination Center (PPV) as its location is more strategic to facilitate the local community and residents to get vaccinated and further curb the spread of COVID-19.

For example, Masjid Gemuroh in Kuala Nerus district was selected as one of the PPV locations due to the number of residents, especially the elderly, who have not been vaccinated as the distance between their homes and the nearest public PPV is quite far.

A total of 2,196 doses of vaccine were given to residents around Kuala Nerus, Kuala Terengganu, Kemaman, Manir and Dungun districts in Terengganu, 1,260 doses of vaccine to residents around Serkam, Kampung Asahan and Krubong districts in Melaka, followed by 996 doses of vaccine to residents in Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

The program today also received support from government agencies, namely Majlis Agama Islam dan Adat Melayu Terengganu, Terengganu Religious Affairs Department, Terengganu Health Department, COVID-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF) of Kuala Nerus district, District Office, Religious Office, Kuala Nerus Health Department as well as NGO partners namely PERDIM, Imedik, PGMES and Yayasan Amal Malaysia, Ameerah and PESAT.

MRC Chief Executive Officer Nurul Islam Mohamed Yusoff expressed his gratitude to the mosque's committee members, Jawatankuasa Pembangunan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JPKK) Kampung Gemuroh, including the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) and the fire department, who also helped control and implement sanitation work around public areas during the programme.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Outreach Programme is expected to continue until the second dose completion on August 28th later this month and will be carried out in other districts, including Besut, Setiu and Hulu Terengganu, to help the MOH increase the vaccine intake percentage, especially for the people of Terengganu.

This programme will also be carried out in other states such as Selangor and Kedah once MRC receives permission and approval from CITF and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

MRC further plans to conduct a COVID-19 vaccination programme for all workers under the rubber industry and is currently waiting for approval from MOSTI.

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