MALAYSIA: RESPONDING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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COVID-19 in Malaysia: Major Milestones

• **25 January 2020**: Detection of the first confirmed cases in Malaysia (i.e. 3 travelers from China arriving via Singapore)

• **25 January – 15 February 2020**:  
  - The first wave of COVID-19 infection in Malaysia  
  - With 22 cases identified; i.e. 12 had a travel history to affected countries, 8 cases were close contacts and 2 were from a humanitarian mission  
  - There were 11 days with no cases, from 16-26 February 2020

• The second wave began on **27 February 2020** and is still on-going

• **11 March 2020**: The largest cluster linked to a mass religious gathering was identified – leading to massive spikes in local cases and an exportation of cases to neighbouring countries
Flattening the Curve of COVID-19 Transmission in Malaysia

• The **Movement Control Order (MCO)** was enforced nationwide
  - In four (4) phases from 18 March to 12 May 2020
  - To prevent the spread of COVID-19 by restricting public movement and mass gathering
  - Comprises of six (6) critical measures
  - Made under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 and the Police Act 1967

• Complemented with the **Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO)**
  - To curb COVID-19 spread beyond the locality and allow house to house tracing activity throughout the allocated time frame
  - All residents and visitors already in the area must remain in their residence
  - Police, army, civil defence force and RELA personnel will be deployed to guard the area
  - The Social Welfare Department will provide 14 days of food supply to all residents
  - A medical base will also be set up in the area

• Shifted into the **Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO)** recently
  - Tentatively scheduled for four (4) weeks; from 4 May to 9 June 2020
  - Almost all economic sectors are allowed to start operating through the enforcement of tight SOPs
  - Social, community and cultural activities which involve large gatherings are not permitted
The National Security Council (NSC) is currently **the lead agency** coordinating Malaysia’s response to COVID-19 pandemic. The MOH Malaysia has been keeping the media and the people updated through its **daily live press conference** ever since the first few COVID-19 cases were reported in Malaysia at end-January.

**Social Compliance & Social Responsibility:**
The public must have a strong sense of community empowerment to protect themselves from COVID-19.
• An Economic Stimulus Package *Prihatin Rakyat* worth RM260 billion (USD 64.6 billion) was announced

• MOH had been allocated an additional RM1.5 billion to support COVID-19 related programs and activities

• MOH have also received contributions from the private sector, NGOs and private individuals, in the form of financial assistance, medical equipment, laboratory supplies, disposable items and other medical necessities

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**COVID-19 in Malaysia: Additional Funding & Contribution**
• Total individuals sampled: 582,486
• Number of tests per population: 18.47 tests per 1,000 population
• Positivity rate: 1.42%
• Case fatality rate: 1.39%
• Recovery rate: 79.53%
Distribution of COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia by Nationality
(As of 3 June 2020 @ 12:00 pm)

Malaysians: 5,860 (73.5%)
Non-Malaysians: 2,110 (26.5%)

No. of Cases
Number of daily COVID-19 cases among Malaysians (excluding imported cases, non-Malaysian cases in the community and non-Malaysian detainees at the Immigration Detention Centres) compared against the projection of the number of cases on 21 May 2020
CONCLUSION

• Working together to combat the spread of COVID-19; i.e. the whole-of-government & whole-of-society approaches

• Enhanced Late Containment Phase
  – Maximize suppression of disease transmission
  – Early detection of cases and early response to clusters
  – Targeted approach screening

• Behaviour modification of citizens & continuous reminder about how everyone must play their parts in practicing the new norms
THANK YOU

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