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VACCINATION NOW - LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER

This is a joint **URGENT APPEAL** by the following associations:

- Persatuan Pengurusan Kompleks Malaysia (PPK) – Malaysia Shopping Malls Association
- Malaysia Retailers Association (MRA)
- Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA)
- Bumiputra Retailers Organisation (BRO)
- Malaysia REIT Managers Association (MRMA)
- Malaysian Association of Theme Park and Family Attractions (MATFA)

We are absolutely delighted and fully support YB Minister call of "**Let's Do This Together**" to accelerate the vaccination for our people.

We wish to reiterate that in April 2021, we mooted the concept of shopping malls hosting PPVs for the retail industry. We subsequently had preliminary discussions with CITF on 6 May and with YB Menteri on 21 May 2021 which led to the precise and spot-on decision to implement the public-private collaboration for our industry with the PPVIN programme under the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (MDTCA).

Spontaneously after this, more than 60 malls have offered to host PPVs and have agreed to deeply subsidise the operations. Many malls have already made plans and indeed several venues have been inspected by the MDTCA by end of June 2021, with plans to implement same by July. We were totally devastated and extremely disappointed that the Mall PPV project was suddenly announced to be postponed to August instead.

We do not comprehend this inexplicable postponement as by then more than 100,000 staff have enthusiastically signed up under MDTCA and the employers have all consented to foot the bill for their employees' vaccination. Our shopping mall staff are extreme frontliners who, by the nature of their work scope, have to interact with continuous and different shoppers and should be considered as the priority group to be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Apart from providing the venues, our malls have also generously agreed to merely charge RM25 per dose (or RM50 per course of 2 doses), which is by far the lowest and most subsidised rate compared to all other private-public arrangements. Yet inexplicably, instead of speedily encouraging such a generous and noble offer, we appear to have been side-lined and the programme postponed to August. We do acknowledge that the vaccines will be provided free by the government and of the RM 50 charged, RM30 (60%) is payable to Protect Health Corporation for the service of the doctors and medical personnel.

We wish to reiterate that assuming the PPVIN carries out vaccination for the 100,000 employees already registered, this would already save the government a portion of their expenses amounting to RM6 mil. With the estimated 500,000 direct employees currently engaged as shopping frontliners, this would save the government RM30 mil. which can be wisely spent to purchase more vaccines. **This would translate to a Win-win solution for both the public and private sector** as simultaneously, the PPVIN programme with malls and retailer operators would contribute positively towards the speed and volume of vaccinations so urgently needed today.

With the recent announcement that 5 states will transit to the National Recovery Plan Phase 2 by 5 July 2021, **NOW would be the most appropriate timing to get all frontliners vaccinated.** We do foresee that more states will similarly be transited soon as the national vaccination programme is being accelerated.

Now that some 12 million doses are arriving this month and in line with YB Minister's call to **"Let's Do This Together"**, we believe sincerely the PPVs in the Malls can be rolled out immediately even before 15 July 2021, with the 5 PPVs already inspected as the pilot programme in the Klang Valley.

We earnestly appeal and look forward to your positive and favourable response. **"Let's Do This Together - WE ARE READY AND WAITING.**

In the event you require further information, please contact PPK Malaysia secretariat at secretariat@ppkm.org.my or Ms Evelyn Lo at 012-2922667.

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Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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