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OPEN LETTER : VACCINATION NOW - LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER IN JULY 2021

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 enthusiastically applaud YB Menteri and fully support your call to “LET’S DO THIS TOGETHER” and your encouraging statement that the vaccination programme will now include more sectors including plantation and retail.

We are relieved that the ramping up of vaccination is gaining speed and momentum. We are further comforted that more than 18 million doses of vaccines will be delivered in July.

As the National Recovery Plan is predicated on achieving vaccination targets, it is extremely crucial that whatever vaccine delivered should be administered as soon as possible so that our country can start the long and arduous route to re-opening and recovery. Every day delayed further multiplies the difficulties and chance of recovery and even our very survival. Critically and most acutely now, time is of the utmost essence.

We thus would like to firmly plea that all preparations be made to ensure all the more than 18 million vaccines delivered in July will be administered in July. We firmly believe this can be achieved by mobilising all the willing resources from private clinics to private sectors like shopping malls and factories to host vaccination centres for this purpose.

As vaccines will be provided free from the government, we sincerely recommend that all these private initiatives be given maximum cooperation to administer as many upon demand. These free vaccines should not be diverted to those initiatives that are commercially driven and which charge commercial rates.

With the current ramped up deliveries and ramped up inoculations, we are confident the threshold of people having received their first dose will be exceeded to allow the economy to be re-opened before 15 July 2021.

This can be achieved with concerted and urgent efforts. We cannot afford anymore not to re-open our economy as more and more countries have already done so. China, being the first to re-open, is reaping tremendous economic rewards with their exports exceeding even pre-covid levels. The later we re-open, the task of recovery get exponentially more difficult and the fear of being left behind in the momentum of recovery of all our trading partners.

However, we are totally perplexed and mystified with your statement that it is difficult to open vaccination centres in EMCO areas due to complications in supply delivery. There are several existing mega PPVs in EMCO areas and we believe delivery of vaccines have not been interrupted nor halted. MOSTI is more than capable of adjusting the vaccine supplies accordingly, whether the PPVs are in EMCO areas or not, and have been doing so since the beginning of the programme.

EMCO is the ideal time to expeditiously vaccinate as many people as possible so as to be protected when the lockdown is lifted.

Now that more than 18 million doses are being delivered, we need to mobilise all resources to utilise all the vaccines and it should be the nation's target to ensure that all the more than 18 million doses are used within July itself especially with the people anxiously clamouring and clambering for vaccination and all PPVs are already successfully practising standby candidates, thus ensuring spare vaccines are fruitfully used up. That should be the planned target and with sincere and proper planning and concerted efforts, this is definitely doable and achievable.

We earnestly look forward to this to be carried out with utmost efficiency under your firm direction.

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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