

**AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN****MUKA SURAT : 8****RUANGAN : NASIONAL**

# Lebih 100,000 jalani saringan PeKa B40

**Kuala Kangsar:** Lebih 100,000 individu sudah menjalani ujian saringan kesihatan Skim Peduli Kesihatan untuk kumpulan B40 (PeKa B40) di klinik swasta dan klinik kesihatan seluruh negara sejak pelaksanaannya April lalu.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Dr Lee Boon Chye, berkata Kementerian Kesihatan berharap lebih ramai yang layak mendapatkan diri di bawah skim berkenan dapat memanfaatkan kelebihan yang menyasarkan sebanyak 800,0000 individu itu.

"Melalui skim ini, individu dalam kategori keluarga B40 dapat menjalani pemeriksaan saringan

kesihatan secara percuma di klinik swasta berdaftar serta klinik kesihatan yang meliputi pemeriksaan darah tinggi, kencing manis, kolesterol, buah pinggang dan kesihatan mental.

"Selepas saringan, peserta yang layak akan mendapat manfaat susulan termasuk insentif melengkapkan rawatan kanser, bantuan alat perubatan, serta dan insentif tambang pengangkutan sewaktu menerima rawatan," katanya selepas melancarkan Kempen Menderma Darah di Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina (SJKC) Tsung Wah, di sini, semalam.

Program tahunan anjuran Persatuan Guangxi Kuala Kangsar (PGKK) yang dijalankan sejak 22 tahun lalu sebagai usaha menggalakkan kelangsungan bekalan darah di hospital seluruh negara. Turut hadir, Pengurus PGKK, Ming Fook Woh.

Pada perkembangan lain, Dr Boon Chye berkata keperluan darah bagi mangsa kemalangan adalah yang tertinggi, diikuti kanser bersalin, denggi, kanser dan lain-lain.

"Setiap hari hospital di seluruh negara memerlukan sehingga 2,000 pek darah dan untuk itu kita perlukan penderma yang bertemu-

rusan serta mengalukan pihak yang menderma secara (inisiatif) sukarela," katanya.

Dr Boon Chye juga berkata, orang ramai tidak perlu risau kemungkinan menerima darah tercemar daripada penderma yang memalsukan sejarah aktiviti berisiko yang mengundang jangkitan penyakit berbahaya seperti HIV.

"Kementerian Kesihatan mempunyai prosedur operasi standard (SOP) tersendiri yang membabitkan pemeriksaan ulang sebelum sesuatu pek darah diberikan kepada penerima," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 16

RUANGAN : NEGARA

Golongan berpendapatan rendah, penerima BSH

# 100,000 daftar PeKa B40

**K**UALA KANGSAR - Lebih 100,000 golongan B40 telah mendaftar bagi Skim Peduli Kesihatan Untuk Kumpulan B40 (PeKa B40) se-takat ini.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Dr. Lee Boon Chye berkata, mereka yang layak itu adalah golongan berpendapatan rendah yang menerima Bantuan Sara Hidup (BSH) dan saringan kesihatan adalah secara percuma di klinik kesihatan serta swasta yang berdaftar.



BOON CHYE

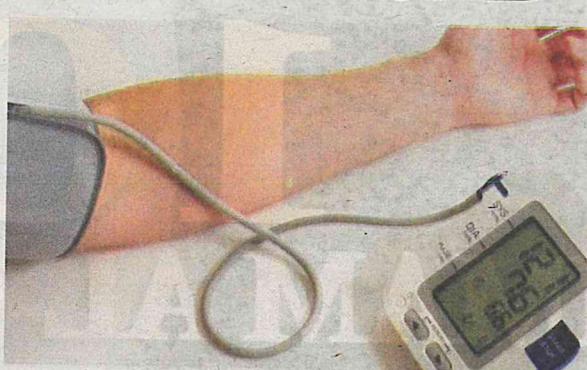
mereka layak mendapatkan rawatan dan pengangkutan jika ada kanser; alat perubatan seperti kanta untuk katarak, ujian jantung, alat bantuan pendengaran, oksigen, sendi tiruan, besi untuk tulang yang patah dan kerusi roda," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Kempen Menderma Darah anjuran Persatuan Guangxi Kuala Kangsar di Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina (SJKC) Tsung Wah di sini semalam.

Projek rintis PeKa B40 dimulakan April tahun ini membabitkan peruntukan RM100 juta bagi sasaran 800,000 individu.

Dalam perkembangan lain, Boon Chye berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan memerlukan

"Saringan kesihatan itu membabitkan ujian darah tinggi, kencing manis, kolesterol, buah pinggang dan kesihatan mental.

"Selepas ujian saringan itu,



INDIVIDU yang mendaftar PeKa B40 layak menerima saringan kesihatan secara percuma termasuk ujian darah tinggi. – Gambar hiasan

2,000 pek darah setiap hari dengan keperluan terbanyak adalah untuk kes kemalangan jalan raya selain ibu bersalin, demam denggi dan kanser.

"Keperluan juga banyak untuk mereka yang menghidapi penyakit berkaitan dengan masalah darah," katanya.

Menurut Boon Chye, setiap darah yang didermakan akan

menjalani ujian mengikut prosedur operasi standard (SOP) termasuk untuk pengesan penyakit HIV bagi memastikan keselamatan penerima.

"Kementerian sangat menggalakkan pendermaan darah secara berkumpulan bagi memastikan bekalan darah sentiasa mencukupi," katanya.

**AKHBAR : THE STAR**  
**MUKA SURAT : 6**  
**RUANGAN : NATION**

## Include us in drafting laws on vaping, urge industry players

**PETALING JAYA:** E-cigarette and vape outlet operators in Malaysia want to be involved in any discussion on regulating the industry as the government moves to propose a new Bill on the matter in Parliament.

The groups welcome regulating the industry but want the government to discuss the matter with industry players before introducing any laws.

Malaysian Vape Chamber of Commerce (MVCC) president Syed Azaudin Syed Ahmad urged the government to have more comprehensive consultation sessions with stakeholders before introducing the legislation.

"Consultation sessions with the industry is important as comprehen-

sive rules on the production, import, export, distribution, sale and usage of the vape products need to be reviewed together.

"This is especially so with matters related to licensing, taxation, quality and standard of products," he said, adding that many Malaysian vape products were exported to countries such as Britain.

The vape industry has created more jobs in Malaysia, attracts domestic and foreign investment and reduced the number of cigarette smokers," he said.

One of MVCC's proposals, he added, was for the government to lift the blanket ban on vape liquid with nicotine and instead cap the amount of nicotine.

"The industry calls for the government to introduce regulations to allow sale of vape liquid with nicotine, not exceeding 5% of the total liquid content, and sold as a regulated consumer product, consistent with other countries with regulations for the vape industry," he said.

Vaporiser liquids containing nicotine have been banned in the country since November 2015.

Last Sunday, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said that they would be tabling a new Bill on the usage of tobacco, vape, electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) and shisha in Parliament by the March 2020 sitting.

He said the ministry was now in the final phase of study to formulate the Bill which is described as

more comprehensive to handle various current issues.

It was reported that the new Tobacco Control and Smoking Act has been submitted to the Attorney General for review, and it is expected to be tabled in Parliament next year.

Tobacco products in Malaysia are currently regulated under the Food Act, though there is no specific laws with regard to e-cigarettes and vape products.

Malaysia E-Vaporisers and Tobacco Alternative Association secretary Zain Azril called for more dialogue sessions between e-cigarette groups and the government regarding regulations governing the sale and usage of such products before the Bill is tabled in

Parliament next year.

"We appreciate if more discussions can be carried out between the government and industry players to ensure both parties will benefit once the law is introduced in Malaysia," he said.

He added that the groups, representing some 5,000 vape and e-cigarette related enterprises in Malaysia, had already submitted proposals to regulate the industry in 2015.

"We are especially concerned about the underground market and online sales of e-cigarettes, which is linked to the sales to underage users.

"We have agreed that we not only need to regulate e-cigarette retailers, but also liquid producers, wholesalers and distributors," he said.

AKHBAR : THE SUN

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

# 'Restrict online sale of vape to certified traders only'

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**PETALING JAYA:** Stakeholders in the vaping industry have suggested that online sale of vape products be restricted to certified vape traders, who have registered with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

While they laud the Health Ministry's ban on the sale of e-cigarettes online to those who are underage, they hope the ministry would engage them regarding the move.

Malaysia E-Vaporisers and

Alternative Tobacco Association (Mevta) president Rizani Zakaria said there is no control over the sale of such items online as there is no age verification for buyers.

"Vape traders also have their own websites, but in order to purchase the product, buyers must go through registration and verification," Rizani said when contacted by *theSun* yesterday.

Rizani suggested that local traders, who are certified by the Companies Commission of Malaysia, register their websites with MCMC.

"By registering with MCMC, the commission and related ministry

can monitor online sales to ensure the products don't fall into underage hands," he said.

"We can take action on errant sellers while those who comply won't be affected."

He said a total online ban could push sales "underground", adding he expects to be called for a discussion soon.

On Saturday, Deputy Health Minister Dr Lee Boon Chye said the government had agreed to ban the sale of vaping products online.

He said the ministry was working with MCMC to take action against individuals selling vape liquids that contain nicotine as

they are prohibited under the Poisons Act 1952 and the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952.

Lee said collaboration with various parties would ensure electronic cigarette sales were not sold to children.

In August, the Malaysia Vape Chamber of Commerce and Mevta urged the government to set new guidelines or regulations to curb the selling of e-cigarettes to underage individuals.

They had pointed out that vaping among the underage could be curtailed if regulations for age verification through online purchases were introduced.

**AKHBAR : THE SUN****MUKA SURAT : 5****RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS****OVER 100,000 SIGN UP  
FOR PEKA B40**

KUALA KANGSAR: More than 100,000 people have signed up for the Healthcare Protection Scheme for the B40 low-income group (PeKa B40) so far, said Deputy Health Minister Dr Lee Boon Chye. Those eligible will receive cost of living aid and free health screening at registered health and private clinics. "The health screening includes testing for high blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, kidney and mental health. They will receive treatment and transport in the event of cancer, medical devices such as cataract lenses, medical tests to diagnose heart conditions, hearing aids, oxygen, artificial joints, metal plates for broken bones and wheelchairs," Lee told reporters after officiating the Blood Donation Campaign organised by the Kuala Kangsar Guangxi Association at Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina (SJKC) Tsung Wah yesterday. The PeKa B40 pilot project started in April this year with an allocation of RM100 million to cover 800,000 individuals.

– Bernama