PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

30 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **91 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today, the largest number discharged in a 24-hour period. **Cumulatively, 479 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (18.2% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

30 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **156 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **2,626 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia.

Currently, **94 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 62 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **three (3) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. This included the one (1) death reported in the Director General of Health Facebook page last night. Cumulatively, there are now **37 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.4% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #35**: Case 1,952 is a 57 year-old Malaysian woman who has a history of diabetes. She also has a history of travelling to Indonesia.

She was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital, and was pronounced dead on 29 March 2020 at 4.00 pm.

2. **Death #36**: Case 1,941 is a 47 year-old Malaysian man. He was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital on 23 March 2020, and was pronounced dead on 30 March 2020 at 8.10 am.

3. **Death #37**: Case 2,471 is a 46 year-old Malaysian woman who has a history of hypertension and autoimmune disease. She was admitted into Miri Hospital, Sarawak and was pronounced dead on 30 March 2020 at 9.02 am.

MOH conveys its condolences to all of the family members.

Preparedness of Hospitals in Managing COVID-19 Patients

MOH has undertaken various preparedness measures for hospital services in managing the COVID-19 situation. Since February 2020, prior to the enforcement of the Movement Control Order (MCO) by the Government on 18 March 2020, MOH has already identified 57 screening hospitals and 26 hospitals for managing COVID-19 patients. At that time, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases were only 790 cases compared to 2,626 reported today.

Presently, through various efforts, 70 hospitals are able to provide COVID-19 screening throughout the country compared to 57 hospitals previously. The number of hospitals for managing COVID-19 cases have also increased from 26 to 38 hospitals in collaboration with the Malaysian Armed Forces and the University of Malaya Medical Centre. Of these, seven hospitals have been assigned as COVID-19 hospitals.

As a result, the number of beds for COVID-19 patients have increased to 3,994 beds. MOH is planning to increase the number of beds through the identification and renovation of MOH's Training Institutions (ILKKM) to be designated quarantine and treatment centres with a total of 1,937 beds. The capacity of ILKKM can be further increased if necessary. Other

facilities are also being identified, such as the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (MAEPS), capable of providing spaces for 600 beds.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Based on the current situation, MOH strongly advises the public to constantly practise the various health advisories issued by MOH. All Malaysians have an important role to play in reducing the risk of spread of COVID-19 infection in the country.

Individuals who have been ordered to undergo "home or self-surveillance" are required to fully comply to the **Observation and Surveillance Order** at the pre-determined premises. This Order is an order contained in the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342).

MOH advises individuals with a history of travelling abroad to isolate themselves from close contact with family members and other household occupants for **14 days, 24 hours per day** from the date of arrival back in Malaysia. During this time period, these individuals are advised to take preventive measures such as good hygiene practices, frequent hand washing and social distancing (a distance of at least one metre) from others.

During this 14-day period, these individuals are also required to self-monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough, colds, sore throat or difficulty breathing. Seek **immediate** treatment if symptoms develop by calling the nearest health facility and notify the healthcare providers of the self-quarantine status. The list of contact details of healthcare facilities can be obtained from the MOH's website.

For medical or health advice, the public can contact the Virtual Health Advisory from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm daily, and also join the MOH Facebook live sessions from 10.00 am to 10.30 am and DoctorOnCall Facebook live sessions from 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

The public can also contact the National CPRC MOH hotline. Further information on the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia is also available through the National CPRC MOH Telegram channel https://t.me/cprckkm. MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation based on all available information, and the public will be continuously updated on the latest information.

Thank you.

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30 March 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 30 March 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	1	11
Kedah	2	77
Pulau Pinang	1	88
Perak	8	184
Selangor	60	672
Negeri Sembilan	10	172
Melaka	7	50
Johor	24	333
Pahang	3	99
Terengganu	0	47
Kelantan	4	127
Sabah	4	201
Sarawak	6	135
WP Kuala Lumpur	24	396
WP Putrajaya	2	24
WP Labuan	0	10
Total	**156**	**2,626**