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

8 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **88 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 4,864 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered (**74.43% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

8 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **68 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today, of which **57 cases are amongst non-Malaysians**. Cumulatively there are now **6,535 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,564 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Of these 68 additional cases reported today, **four (4) are imported cases**. The remaining 64 cases are due to local transmission, of which three (3) cases were detected in clusters and localities under the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO).

Currently, **18 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, seven (7) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **107 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.64% of total cumulative cases).

Pedas Cluster

As announced on 2 May 2020, MOH has identified a cluster involving workers at a factory in Pedas, Negeri Sembilan.

The cluster was first detected when a worker in the factory was found to be unwell and began to experience symptoms of fever, cough, cold, shortness of breath and headache on 5 April 2020. She received treatment at a health clinic and the COVID-19 test was conducted on 10 April 2020. On 12 April 12, 2020, the result of the COVID-19 test came back positive.

Subsequently, investigations and screening of close contacts of this confirmed case were carried out. As of 8 May 2020, 12 pm, a total 786 individuals have been screened for COVID-19. They consist of the factory workers and their family members. Of these, 60 cases were positive, 286 negative and 440 still pending results. The cluster's positive cases involved 7 Malaysians and 53 non-Malaysians i.e.:

- 25 Nepalese nationals
- 18 Bangladeshi nationals
- 8 Indonesian nationals
- 2 Myanmar nationals

The source of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Employees and workers experiencing symptoms of respiratory tract infection such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing should immediately seek medical attention at the nearest health clinic and not to go to work. Those with symptoms should also wear face masks. In addition, employees and workers are also advised to maintain a high level of

personal hygiene, especially hand hygiene such as regular hand washing with water and soap or using hand sanitiser.

To safeguard the welfare of workers and a safe work environment, the Department of Labour Peninsular Malaysia has produced the *"Panduan Mengendalikan Isu-Isu Berhubung Wabak Berjangkit Termasuk Novel Coronavirus Di Tempat Kerja"* (Guideline on Managing Infectious Diseases-Related Issues, including the Novel Coronavirus Infection, in the Workplace), that has been included in the *"Garis Panduan Pengurusan COVID-19 di Malaysia No.5/2020"* (Guideline on the Management of COVID-19 in Malaysia No.5/2020).

Employers of essential services and the economy sectors allowed to operate must implement the following measures:

- Directs and authorises employees to undergo health examination by registered medical practitioners at their employer's expense, as specified under Section 60F of the Employment Act 1955
- Allows paid sick leave or eligibility to receive treatment for employees with symptoms of infection

Employers must also ensure that the following preventive and precautionary measures are taken in the workplaces:

- Body temperature and symptoms screening before entering the work premises
- Provision of hand washing facilities or hand sanitisers
- Regular cleaning and disinfection of commonly touched surfaces and common spaces
- Practice safe social distancing of at least 1 metre away from others, including in workspaces and dining areas such as:
    - Avoid crowded spaces
    - Avoid workers gathering in confined spaces at the same time, such as in the pantry
    - Maintain a distance of 1 metre away during close conversations with others

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation, both in the country as well as internationally, based on available information from the World Health Organization (WHO). The public will be continuously updated on the latest information. In addition, MOH will ensure that appropriate preventive and control measures are continuously implemented.

Thank you.

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8 May 2020 @ 4.30 pm

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 8 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	253
Selangor	6 (1)	1,586
Negeri Sembilan	53	653
Melaka	0	209
Johor	0	667
Pahang	1	306
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	317
Sarawak	1	538
WP Kuala Lumpur	6 (2)	1,404
WP Putrajaya	1 (1)	87
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	**68 (4)**	**6,535**

*(   ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases