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**Press Release from The Special Committee on COVID-19 Vaccine Supply
(JKJAV)**

**PROVIDING COVID-19 VACCINE TO NON
MALAYSIAN**

Dated 11th February 2021

PUTRAJAYA, 11 FEBRUARY 2021 – The cabinet meeting yesterday has agreed that National COVID-19 Immunization Program which will begin at the end of this month will provide free vaccination to non-citizens residing in Malaysia. This will involve all non-citizens who resides in Malaysia.

In line with the theme of the National COVID-19 Immunization Program, namely 'Protect Yourself, Protect All' as well as through the "no one is safe unless everyone is safe " approach, the free vaccination will be given to this group after taking into account the following factors:

- a. A safe and independent COVID-19 environment can only be achieved if most Malaysians are vaccinated;
- b. Vaccination in a pandemic is being humane;
- c. The record number of patients through the existing clusters from foreign workers (plantation, construction and manufacture);
- d. High cost in Covid-19 treatment and quarantine facilities for patients as a result of clusters involving foreign workers;
- e. Foreign workers who have become part of the community and also contributed to the national economy; and
- f. Treatment towards Malaysian citizens by other foreign countries that also provide vaccines to Malaysian citizens who are in their country.

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This decision will facilitate the provision of vaccines to non-citizens and help the success of the National COVID-19 Immunization Program.

However, the priority of giving COVID-19 vaccine is to Malaysians first. Vaccine information and schedule for foreign nationals will be announced later.

The decision to give it for free is also made as the access to the supply of COVID-19 vaccine obtained by Malaysia is sufficient and exceeds the number of Malaysians who are eligible to receive it.

It is also in line with the government's stance to vaccinate as many populations as possible in Malaysia to enable group immunity to be formed in an effort to curb the COVID-19 pandemic.

Protect Yourself, Protect All

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