

MEDIA STATEMENT

Tomorrow, on February 24th, the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme will be implemented, signifying the largest immunisation plan in Malaysia's history and a gamechanger in our battle against the pandemic.

The Perikatan Nasional Government under the leadership of Prime Minister, YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, has taken proactive, firm and decisive steps in implementing this programme in order to ensure the protection of public health, secure the well-being of the people and generate the prosperity of the nation.

The programme is aimed at protecting frontliners and ensure optimal health services, protecting the high-risk population group from morbidity and mortality as well as achieving herd immunity in order to reopen all sectors of the economy. This programme will also control outbreaks in high-risk areas while reducing COVID-19 transmission rates.

It cannot be overstressed that mass vaccination is essential in order to accelerate and ensure an effective and sustainable economic recovery. This measure will revitalise the efforts and activities of our economic frontliners. As the saying goes, "A healthy economy in a healthy body."

With the successful implementation of the vaccination programme, the World Bank has projected the Malaysian economy to grow at a rate of 6.7% in 2021. We are confident that this effort will provide the shot-in-the-arm to boost the flow of Foreign Direct Investment into the country, thus accelerating our economic recovery.

As herd immunity is achieved and all economic sectors are reopened, we will be able to revitalise the tourism sector which supports 3.56 million jobs and represents one of the largest sectors for employment in the country.

Tomorrow is a new dawn for Malaysia in our war against COVID-19. Perikatan Nasional calls on the people to give their full support and ensure the success of the National Programme.

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