



PRESS RELEASE

**VACCINE EQUITY AND EQUALITY:
TIME TO GET ALL OF MALAYSIA INVOLVED**

We laud the government's effort to have rolled out the National Immunization Plan. But the efforts need to be ramped up using all the resources we have. We as the people will start seeing the benefits of getting vaccination, whether it's freedom to cross state lines, to travel, or them starting to see the [Covid-19] case numbers fall, the number of deaths and number of hospitalizations falling.

We have over 7 million registered so far with the vaccination crossing the 500,000 mark over the last one month. While we know phase 2 is to commence soon, the need to have special interest and economically sensitized groups included as part of the effort to expedite the recovery and to get back normalcy restored – we need to use all of the resources available to us – not just of the public sector.

We need to get the private sector with both their facilities and also expertise alongside their resources to ensure we hit all our milestones – wider and faster. We need to make this happen for all of us to achieve both vaccine equality and equity.

Our main points are:

1. The government efforts are to be lauded and they have done a great job in the national immunization plan.
2. The private sector is thankful to YB Khairy Jamaluddin to procure the vaccines, the supply of which will come on board in the middle of this year.
3. We are very supportive to the vaccine equality and equity and complement the efforts that the government is doing.
4. The exercise will be done at best to the efforts without any profiteering elements.
5. The economic frontlines will need to be the one who need to be vaccinated.
6. The resources will be shared with the government.
7. This will help with us achieving the herd immunity for our countries.

Joint press release with Datuk Dr. Kuljit – President of Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia (APHM) to express our thoughts and game plan on how government can do this better.

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