

Malaysia receives one million Pfizer vaccine doses from US

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Malaysia today received one million doses of Covid-19 Pfizer vaccine contributed by the United States in support of the country's National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP) which is now in full swing.

The consignment was flown in by a cargo aircraft, TH 384, belonging to Raya Airways, which landed at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang at 8.10am.

Present at the airport to await the arrival of the aircraft were Coordinating Minister for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme Khairy Jamaluddin, Foreign Minister Hishammuddin Hussein and US Ambassador to Malaysia Brian McFeeters.

The aircraft, which left Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport on July 2, departed from Singapore at about 7am today before arriving at Subang.

The vaccine supply is the second contribution from a foreign country. Last Thursday, Malaysia received one million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine produced by AstraZeneca from the Japanese government.

Meanwhile, McFeeters said the vaccine contribution is a reflection of the partnership between Malaysia and the US.

“We have a long solid partnership on public health issues...The US is committed to working with the Malaysian government to support its ongoing implementation of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme to increase vaccine coverage and achieve its target for recovery,” he said during a joint press conference with Khairy.

The vaccine allocation to Malaysia is part of the Biden administration’s global strategy to share 80 million doses worldwide this summer.

At the same time, Khairy, who is also the science, technology and innovation minister, expressed Malaysia’s appreciation to the US government for its contribution.

He said Malaysia hoped to continue working with the US and other countries to secure access to more vaccines.

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