

Pharmaniaga expected to deliver 12.4m Sinovac doses next week

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Pharmaniaga LifeScience Sdn Bhd (PLS), a subsidiary company of Pharmaniaga Bhd (Pharmaniaga), is expected to deliver 12.4 million doses of the Sinovac Covid-19 vaccine to the government by next week, instead of November under the original agreement.

Pharmaniaga managing director Zulkarnain Md Eusope said the supply was brought forward by four months following the surge of new cases since April while PLS was operating 24 hours each day to achieve that target.

He said up to now, PLS delivered 11.5 million doses, comprising 3.6 million through 'fill and finish' manufacturing and 7.9 million of the finished product that was imported.

“Pharmaniaga signed a contract to supply about 12 million doses of the vaccine to the government, whereby under the contract, we have to complete the

delivery by November.

“However, due to the worsening Covid-19 situation in the country, we have asked for speedier delivery. Alhamdulillah, we have done a ‘mix and match’, whereby we import the finished product (Sinovac) from China to be supplied to the government,” he said.

Zulkarnain was speaking at a virtual press conference today on the latest developments pertaining to the Sinovac vaccine distribution.

He also said Pharmaniaga was prepared to provide additional vaccines to the government as requested by Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, amounting to two million doses.

“We are waiting for further directive from the government... if it wishes to obtain this supply, we will give our cooperation and deliver it before the end of July,” he said.

Zulkanain also announced that Pharmaniaga was also prepared to supply the vaccine to state governments and the private sector after completing its supply to the federal government.

He said till now, PLS has received orders for five million doses from state governments and the private sector.

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