

'Blood donors are heroes'

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PM: Their initiative to step up during this time invaluable

PETALING JAYA: Blood donors are also national heroes for voluntarily donating blood to save lives while the country is battling Covid-19, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Prime Minister said donors took the initiative to come forward, sacrificing their time and energy during the recovery movement control order (MCO) period.

"I saw people who came forward voluntarily every day, spending time and energy to donate blood during the recovery MCO in the fight against Covid-19.

"I would also like to thank all those who have organised blood donation campaigns.

"The campaigns have allowed the public to participate in blood donation drives at the nearest community halls, which are more conducive venues for donors," he said in a video message on Facebook in conjunction with Blood Donor Day yesterday.

Themed 'Safe Blood Saves Lives' and 'Donate Blood for Global Health', this year's focus is on every blood donor's contribution in help-



ing to save lives and subsequently, build healthier communities.

As the country enters the Covid-19 recovery phase, Muhyiddin called on Malaysians to adapt to and continue practising the new norms in daily life.

"I am certain all social media platforms will be utilised to disseminate useful information to all blood donors and raise awareness on the importance of donating blood," he said.

He also urged Malaysians to continue to support the National



Safe Blood Saves Lives: Muhyiddin honouring blood donors during his speech at the national level Blood Donor Day event in Putrajaya. — Bernama

Blood Centre and blood banks nationwide.

"I call on all Malaysians, especially those who have yet to donate

blood, to take the first step to becoming a regular blood donor in maintaining a healthy lifestyle," he said.