

Registration far below target



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Muhyiddin obliging donors and workers for a wefie at the blood drive in Mid Valley, Kuala Lumpur. - Bernama

Muhyiddin: Only 7.6 million signed up for vaccination so far

KUALA LUMPUR: It is important to get more people to sign up for the vaccination programme so that the country can successfully contain the Covid-19 transmission, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Prime Minister said although 7.6 million people had registered through the MySejahtera app so far, it was still below the targeted 26.7 million people.

"This figure is still small compared to the total number of Malaysians and non-citizens who are eligible to be vaccinated.

"There is a correlation between rolling off the vaccine plan and the recovery of our nation's economy.

"So getting the desired numbers is important to revitalise and restore our economy more rapidly,"

he said when launching a blood donation drive yesterday.

Muhyiddin said the Covid-19 pandemic was still plaguing the country and the world, and the problem had yet to be resolved with the emergence of new variants in the community.

"Almost all sectors of the economy have resumed operations and businesses have reopened.

"I think the situation is getting much better. This is what we are hoping to see in the next few months.

"Within this year, the forecast of improvement in our economy will be seen in the second or third quarter. Our GDP (gross domestic product) growth is projected at 6% to 7.5%," he said.

As such, Muhyiddin urged the

relevant parties to reach out to those who have not yet registered by providing further help and information on their vaccination programme.

He also urged the people to continue adhering to the standard operating procedure to curb the spread of the disease.

During the blood donation drive, the Prime Minister called on all Malaysians, especially those who have not donated blood before, to take the first step in becoming a regular blood donor as part of a healthy lifestyle.

He said the blood supply at the National Blood Centre (PDN) and blood banks nationwide had been running low while the demand for blood was increasing.

"Every day, the country needs at least 2,000 bags of blood to cater to about 1,000 patients. In the Klang Valley alone, PDN needs 500 to 600 bags of blood a day.

"I call on all community groups to come forward to donate blood to help save the lives of patients and further improve the health of the local community," he said.

Muhyiddin also thanked NGOs and charitable bodies that have been organising blood donation campaigns across the country.

The two-day annual blood donation drive, organised by the Tan Sri Muhyiddin Charity Golf Foundation in collaboration with PDN and IGB Real Estate Investment Trust, kicked off at MidValley Megamall yesterday. — Bernama