

PM receives second dose

Muhyiddin urges all Malaysians to register for vaccination

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PUTRAJAYA: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has received his second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine to complete his Covid-19 immunisation process.

The Prime Minister, whose vaccination was aired live on national television, pleaded with all Malaysian to register for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme as soon as possible.

"Some 5.6 million people have already registered and I'm urging the others to do so quickly.

"As of today, about 360,000 people have already received their first vaccination shots.

"Those who have registered, wait for your turn, as your appointment will be selected based on priority.

"The faster we are all vaccinated, the sooner we can be protected from Covid-19.

"And we will be able to return to our normal lives once the pandemic is over.

"The economy, too, can recover," said Muhyiddin, speaking briefly to the press after his vaccination at the Precinct 18 Putrajaya Health Clinic here.

Like his first jab on Feb 24, Muhyiddin said the procedure was painless and quick.

"Don't worry, it does not hurt. For those who are afraid of needles, it will be fine. I hardly felt anything.

"And my condition has been good," said Muhyiddin.

He also showed a smart card which will be given to every person



All done:
Muhyiddin showing his mock vaccination card after completing his second dose at the Putrajaya Health Clinic.
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who has completed their vaccination process.

"With this smart card, one can use it to show to, perhaps, a security guard, to prove that they have been vaccinated. Just scan the card and it will show," he said.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah received his second vaccine shot minutes after the Prime Minister.

Putrajaya Health Office nurse Maznah Mokhtar, 44, who administered the first dose to Muhyiddin, was given the task again yesterday.

Likewise, nurse Lina Ibrahim, 41, once again gave Dr Noor Hisham

his Covid-19 injection.

Besides Muhyiddin and Dr Noor Hisham, four healthcare workers also received their shots at the same time.

They were driver Clement Marai Francis, 36, assistant health officer Khairul Asraf Mohd Yasin, 44, medical officer Dr Tan Yee Ling, 30, and nurse Sheila Melissa Sikin, 31.

The six were the first people in Malaysia to be vaccinated for Covid-19 on Feb 24.

Later, they posed for photos carrying placards that read "I've taken two doses".

Some 500,000 frontliners are set

to receive their vaccination shots under the first phase of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme.

The second phase will focus on vaccinating vulnerable groups, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

The general Malaysian public will be part of the third phase, which is for those aged above 18.