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PRASARANA OPENS VACCINATION CENTRES (PPV) AT PUTRA HEIGHTS LRT STATION AND KOMPLEKS RAPID BUS CHERAS SELATAN

SUBANG JAYA, 19 JULAI 2021 – Two premises belonging to Prasarana Malaysia Berhad (Prasarana), Putra Heights LRT Station and Kompleks Rapid Bus Cheras Selatan, will be used as vaccination centres (PPV) to support the national immunisation plan to curb the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

The facility at Putra Heights LRT Station, which is an integrated station for LRT Kelana Jaya line and LRT Ampang/Sri Petaling line, opens its doors today, while the one in Kompleks Rapid Bus Cheras Selatan which is also the headquarters for Rapid Bus Sdn. Bhd., will be opened two days later on 21 July 2021.

The Minister of Transport Malaysia, YB Datuk Seri Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong remarked that the opening of the PPV will greatly support the vaccination program for the transport industry, which is an essential service needed to ensure continuity and mobility of the people, as well as assuring that the movement of goods and services is not disrupted.

“Our workers in the rail and bus sectors continue to play their important part for the people even though they are exposed to the risk of contracting COVID-19. Therefore, speeding up the vaccination program for these frontliners is a proactive move taken by Ministry of Transport in

collaboration with Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and Ministry of Health (MOH) to protect them and their passengers,” Wee added.

Operating from 8 am til 4 pm for public transport workers from Prasarana, MRT Corp and Ministry of Transport, the PPV at Putra Heights LRT Station will be opened for five days until 23 July, while the one in Kompleks Rapid Bus Cheras Selatan will be opened for six days until 26 July for the purpose of giving the first dose of the vaccine.

In a statement issued today, Prasarana said the opening of the PPV was made after it received approvals from Ministry Transport and COVID-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF) that made rigourous testing and inspection at the two premises on 11 July.

The premises were selected due to their strategic locations as well as the availability of comfortable and wide spaces, meeting the requirements listed by CITF. About 4,000 manhours were needed to get the premises ready, with Prasarana spending approximately RM350,000 which goes towards medical equipment and personnel, logistics and storage expenses.

The Putra Heights LRT Station will be using the open spaces and training room on the lower ground of the station; while Kompleks Rapid Bus Cheras Selatan, which also houses the Rapid Bus Training Academy and the Cheras Selatan Depot, will be using its multipurpose hall.

Apart from the use of its premises, sixty (60) Prasarana staff including trainees from its Auxilliary Police unit will be volunteering at both centres to assist with movement, logistics and registrations of the people who will be receiving their vaccinations there.

“Prasarana is proud to be given this opportunity to be part of the national vaccination program as it is the most important agenda for us in order to assist with the country’s recovery. We hope our contribution will give a big impact for the success of the program and help curb the spread of COVID-19 infection,” the statement adds.

Prasarana is confident that the National Recovery Plan will be successful with the acceleration of the vaccination program. It is also offering the use of its assets in Kuala Lumpur, Pulau Pinang and Pahang for the purpose and is open to future discussions on the possibility of turning its buses into mobile vaccination units for the convenience of the people.

Prasanana also would like to express its thanks and appreciation for cooperation, approval and support from Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Ministry of Health, COVID-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF) and ProtectHealth Corporation Sdn Bhd (ProtectHealth).

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