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By FARID WAHAB

ABOUT 2,000 workers from Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur in Selayang have received their first vaccine dose under the MYMedic@ Wilayah Vaccine Mobile Truck initiative at the market.
The one-day vaccination drive, that started

at 9am, involved four mobile trucks parked at the market carpark.

Among those who received the vaccine yesterday were Lee Kok Meng, 44, and his wife Chai Mei Ching, 37, who also works

When a few traders of the wholesale marwhen a few traders of the wholesale had ket tested positive for Covid-19 earlier this year, Lee went to work every day although he feared for his health.

The father of three from Rawang, Selangor, soldiered on out of the need to sup-

port his family.
"I did not feel scared about getting the vac-

cine. In fact, I was excited.

"I feel safer now that I have partial protection against Covid-19 and can go to work with ease," said the vegetable seller. Another worker, Muhamad Rohaizam Shafiq Mohd Zambry, 21, did not expect to

receive his first vaccine dose so soon

"I know many who have registered are still waiting for their appointments. "I used to feel scared about coming to

work because many people had fallen ill," he said, believing that the initiative would give others the confidence to sign up for vaccina-

The market was closed several times since last year due to a surge in Covid-19 cases among its workers.

among its workers.

The first closure was in April last year, followed by January this year. The latest closure was from May 9 to 17, after several seafood traders contracted the virus.

Vijayan Mariappan, 54, who has worked

there for the past three decades, reminded

Wholesale market workers happy to get first dose

FT Ministry's mobile truck initiative sees over 2,000 beneficiaries



Workers at Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur waiting to get their first Covid-19 vaccine dose at the market.

everyone not to let their guard down after

getting vaccinated.
"We still need to adhere to standard operating procedure such as wearing face masks and maintaining a safe distance," he said. Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri

Annuar Musa, who was at the event, expressed hope that the initiative would ensure health and safety of workers and customers at the market.

He thanked the Health Ministry and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) for organising the

"It is important for the workers to be vac-cinated as they face customers from all over

Klang Valley.
"This will restore confidence among customers and ensure that the traders can con-

tinue their work safely," he said. Annuar said he would negotiate with National Covid-19 Immuni-sation Programme coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin to vaccinate e-hailing drivers and petty traders in the city as well.

"If there is sufficient supply of vaccines, we want to conduct a similar programme for these people as well," he added.

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600 dos setiap lokasi Wilayah Persekutuan dijangka capai imuniti kelompok Ogos ini

Kuala Lumpur

ilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya dan Labuan dijangka dapat mencapai sasaran imuniti kelompok seawal Ogos ini, malah dijangkakan lebih awal berbanding negeri lain apabila Kementerian Wilayah Persekutuan (KWP) meneruskan pelaksanaan fasa kedua Program Vaksinasi Bergerak MyMedic@Wilayah.

Seramai 31,987 orang akan menerima vaksin mulai semalam hingga 23 Jun ini membabitkan golongan individu yang berisiko tinggi untuk dijangkiti Covid-19 termasuk peniaga, pekerja di pasar harian serta penjaja, kawasan industri, penempatan gelandangan, Program Perumahan Rakyat Majlis Tindakan Ekonomi Negara (PPR MTEN), Perumahan Awam Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (PA DBKL) dan kampung tradisi. Menteri Wilayah Perseku-

Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan Tan Sri Annuar Musa berkata, fasa kedua itu membabitkan 22 lokasi antaranya Pasar Borong Kual Lumpur, Pasar Harian Selayang, lapan kawasan in-

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Kampung Padang Balang. tujuh PPR dan PA dustri, Katanya, dengan ka-pasiti 600 dos vaksin MTEN dan I DBKL, pusat penempatan ge-landangan di sehari bagi setiap lokasi yang menggunakan keseluruhan Pusat Komuniti Setiawangsa, Desa Aman, De-10 trak vaksin ber-gerak ini, ia akan dapat mencapai sa-saran 80 peratus warga Kuala sa Tasik, Kampung Sunga Penchala serta Lumpur di-

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vaksinasikan menjelang Ogos depan.

Ogos depan.
"Inisiatif ini adalah lanjutan daripada Program Rintis Vaksinasi Bergerak MyMedic@Wilayah yang bermula sejak 7 hingga 13 Jun

Dalam tempoh itu, sebanyak 24,500 dos vaksin sudah diberikan kepada kumpulan sasar di Kuala Lumpur. Melihat kepada kejayaan ini, Badan Bertindak Imunisasi Covid-19 (CITF) memberikan kebenaran kepada KWP untuk meneruskan Program Vaksinasi Bergerak MyMedic@Wilayah. "Inisiatif ini dilakukan untuk meningkatkan tahap kesiapsagaan dengan memfokuskan pemberian vaksin kepada warga Kuala Lumpur

siapsagaan dengan memfokuskan pemberian vaksin kepada warga Kuala Lumpur bagi mencapai imuniti kelompok dalam kadar segera," katanya dalam kenyataan media, semalam.

Menurutnya, KWP menyasarkan 33,000 suntikan vaksin dalam sehari untuk dilaksanakan di Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya dan Labuan.

Katanya, sasaran itu mampu dicapai menerusi pertambahan Pusat Pemberian Vaksin (PPV) mega selain PPV di klinik dan hospital swasta serta vaksinasi melalui Program Vaksinasi Bergerak MyMedic@Wila-