



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **PPV PIKAS IN PENGERANG WILL VACCINATE 5,123 WORKERS**

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Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) YB Dato 'Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali accompanied by Deputy Minister of MITI YB Datuk Lim Ban Hong paid a site visit to the Vaccination Center (PPV) under the Public-Private Partnership COVID-19 Industry Immunisation Program (PIKAS) in Pengerang, Johor today. A total of 5,123 workers are expected to be vaccinated at this location since its opening on 16 June 2021.

Apart from Pengerang, YB Dato 'Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and YB Datuk Lim Ban Hong also visited the PPV at Austin International Convention Center (AICC) have witness its preparations. The PPV in Pengerang is an on-site PPV under Model 2 of PIKAS while the PPV in AICC is a Common Use PPV under Model 1 of PIKAS. The visit is also a follow-up to previous visits to the PPV in Selangor and Penang.

As of 16 June 2021, a total of 2,082 companies from across the country with a total of 301,050 employees have registered in PIKAS. Of this figure, a total of 255 companies with 14,357 from Johor have been registered to take part in the program.

The PIKAS program is a responsive measure following recommendations from industry associations, chambers of commerce and Small and Medium Enterprises to help expedite vaccination for the people in achieving herd immunity in the community. The program, launched on June 12, is targeted at the manufacturing and manufacturing-related services sector. The program has the full support of industry players and will have a positive impact on the productivity at the workplace while ensuring their health protection of workers.

While the vaccination for the most vulnerable groups remains a priority for the Government under the PICK program and will not be compromised, the implementation of PIKAS is imperative to protect workers against the risk of infection.

MITI has assured that employees participating in the program will not be burdened with additional costs and vaccines will be provided free of charge by the Government to employees. Over 150,000 doses of vaccine have been allocated for the PIKAS program. Through this public-private collaboration program, employers have to bear the administrative costs of the vaccination process and are not allowed to deduct employee salaries to cover the costs involved.

PIKAS is an initiative under Phase 4 of PICK and is an innovative collaboration between the public and private sectors. Vaccinations for the manufacturing sector under PIKAS will be focused on critical manufacturing sub -sectors such as electrical and electronics, food processing, iron and steel, medical devices, personal protective equipment (PPE), oil and gas as well as rubber products including the manufacturing of medical gloves.

For more information on PIKAS, visit [www.miti.gov.my](http://www.miti.gov.my)

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