

MEDIA STATEMENT

MMC GAMUDA PARTICIPATES IN VACCINATION DRIVE AS PART OF KWP PILOT PROGRAMME

KUALA LUMPUR, 08 JUNE 2021: Some 1000 employees of MMC Gamuda, the Turnkey Contractor (TC) and Underground Works Package contractor for the MRT Putrajaya Line Project volunteered to receive their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, administered on-site by OPTIMAX under the Federal Territories Ministry (KWP) initiative.

The vaccination exercise was part of the MYMedic @ Wilayah Vaccine Mobile Truck pioneer project undertaken by KWP, helping to speed up vaccination for workers who are involved in essential or critical services and works. This follows the MRT Putrajaya Line Project receiving the nod from the relevant ministries and authorities to continue construction works towards meeting its milestones.

“We are extremely grateful to KWP for including MMC Gamuda in this pilot vaccination programme, enabling us to continue critical finishing and testing works leading up to the launch of Phase 1 of the project in mid-August 2021. Combined with the strict COVID-19 mitigation efforts we have implemented since the pandemic began, this vaccination drive will further ensure the safety of our workers, as we race to complete this vital infrastructure project,” shared MMC Gamuda Project Director, Dato' Ir Wong Wai Ching.

“Voluntary registration for this initiative which was offered to our staff and workers, was completed speedily which only goes to show that the community now understands the value of vaccination in the current dire circumstance,” he added.

Today's participation in the vaccination drive, is just the latest pro-active step MMC Gamuda has taken to mitigate COVID-19 and avoid any interruption of critical works. The company's in-house Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing laboratory, the first such private initiative in the Malaysian construction industry was launched in early December 2020, equipped with the latest technology including two state-of-the-art PCR machines, as well as a dedicated team of in-house

medical technicians. The lab currently conducts an accurate screening cycle of almost 16,000 personnel working across the project every 7 days.

In addition, aside from maintaining strict COVID-19 prevention regulations and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) at their worksites, all site workers are currently housed at segregated Centralised Labour Quarters (CLQs) where they reside when not at work. The CLQ is fully enclosed and features various amenities and lifestyle necessities to ensure complete worker welfare management, while also ensuring their safety. Shower and bathroom areas are maintained at the highest hygienic standards, and along with this, common areas are sanitised at regular intervals. The CLQ also contains a separate Centralised Quarantine Quarters (CQQ) block, which is a purpose-built facility designed to effectively isolate either the infected, or those who are suspected of being so.

“We take the safety of our workers, the staff and the public surrounding our worksites and CLQs very seriously, which has driven the implementation of these carefully thought-out strategies and initiatives to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Despite these hurdles, we have been able to carry out our work on schedule, and look forward to the on-schedule launch of Phase 1 in August, 2021,” stated Dato Wong in closing.

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