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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia calls for the World Bank to be a strong voice for developing countries for global vaccine equity.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the hoarding of vaccines by industrialised countries was immoral and "had fallen short of respectable and responsible global leadership".

"We are appreciative of the donations that we will be receiving from advanced

countries in the coming weeks but this does not do away with what has

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taken place over the last few months and that is the cornering of the vaccine market.

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"We set up COVAX in a global solidarity as a mechanism of vaccine equity and that has been an abysmal failure and I think the World Bank owes it to the developing countries to be a strong voice on vaccine equity in the global stage," he said in a special address at the launch of the Malaysia Economic Monitor - June 2021 Edition held virtually today.

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"We call for vaccine equity now and in the future. That is the only way we are going to emerge from this pandemic and future pandemic," said the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme coordinating minister.

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He also said the government aimed to get 60 per cent of the population vaccinated by end-September while continuing to support firms and preserve jobs for the people through various relief packages.

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Khairy said the government was rapidly increasing the number of vaccination centres (PPV) to speed up the rollout of the immunisation programme as well as setting up a number of mega PPV to ramp up the vaccination rate.

He said there was also a target of an additional 1,000 general practitioners from the private sector to start to administer vaccines by June 30, as the government continuously increase the number of PPV.

"The government is confident of administering 11 million doses in July, 13 million doses by the end of August 2021 and a further eight million doses by the end of September.

"Our goal is to be as inclusive as possible in our deployment of the vaccine," he said. -- Bernama

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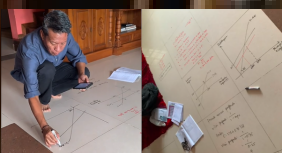
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