

Volunteers helping the disabled to get allowance hike



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PETALING JAYA: The increase in allowance for healthcare volunteers involved in the Covid-19 vaccination process and management is also given to volunteers serving persons with disabilities (PwD), says Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the OKU Sentral drive-through vaccination centre here, for example, had about 100 volunteers helping to manage and ensure the smooth running of the vaccination process for PwD.

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Menara Sime Darby Plantation yesterday.

Also present was OKU Sentral president Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi.



Keep it up: Muhyiddin and Ras Adiba (right) meeting volunteers at the drive-through PPV at Menara Sime Darby Plantation. — Bernama

At a press conference in Tangkak, Johor, on Tuesday, Muhyiddin announced that the daily allowance for healthcare volunteers had been increased to RM100 from RM50 in appreciation of their contribution.

He said there were 579,150 PwD registered with the Social Welfare Department and 280,904 of them had registered for vaccination under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme as of June 20.

He said 15,914 had received their first dose and 3,859 were fully vaccinated. The Prime Minister repeated his statement that the issue of vaccine delivery was not only faced by Malaysia but also other countries due to a monopoly by developed nations.

“Even though we have signed (the contracts) for the number of vaccines needed, only half of it has arrived, and until today, not even 10% of the Malaysian population are fully vaccinated.

“We have the capacity but we don’t have enough vaccines. That is why I have ordered Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba and Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin to negotiate with all suppliers,” he said, adding that the government would ensure vaccines would arrive by end of this year. — Bernama

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