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SUBANG: Malaysia received one million doses of the Pfizer vaccine contributed by the United States (US) in support of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP).

The consignment was flown in yesterday by a cargo aircraft belonging to Raya Airways. It landed at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport at

Awaiting its arrival were NIP Ccoordinating Minister Khairy Jamaluddin, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and US ambassador to Malaysia, Brian McFeeters.

This is the second contribution from a foreign country. Last Thursday, Malaysia received one million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines from the Japanese government.

McFeeters said the vaccine contribution is a reflection of the partnership between Malaysia and the US.

"We have a long, solid partnership on public health issues. The US is committed to working with the Malaysian government to

support its ongoing national immunisation programme to increase vaccine coverage," he

said at a media conference with Khairy.

The allocation is part of the Biden administration's global strategy to share 80 million doses worldwide this summer.

Khairy expressed Malaysia's appreciation to

the US government for the contribution.

He said the nation hoped to continue working with the US and other countries to secure access for more vaccines. - Bernama