

## 21.8.2021\_NST\_MOSTI\_CanSino Covid-19 vaccine arrives



The CanSino vaccines arriving at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF MOSTI

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Malaysia will start administering the CanSino vaccine after receiving 200,000 doses from CanSino Biologics in China yesterday.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the vaccines would arrive on our shores as finished products.

"A total of 3.5 million CanSino vaccines have been ordered and will be delivered in stages.

"It is also the first single-dose Covid-19 vaccine (that will be used) in Malaysia," he said.

The Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme has in-

volved vaccines manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech, Sinovac and AstraZeneca, while the Johnson & Johnson jab has received conditional approval.

The CanSino vaccines were flown in by MAS Cargo on flight MH361.

It arrived at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 7.50am yesterday.

The supply was received by Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti) secretary-general Datuk Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir, Health Ministry secretary-general Datuk Mohd Shafiq Abdullah

and Mosti deputy secretary-general (Technology Development) Dr Mohd Nor Azman Hassan.

Mosti, in a statement, said Solution Biologics was the product registration holder for the CanSino vaccine in Malaysia and the vaccine had been granted conditional approval for emergency use in the country by the National Drug Authority on June 15.

CanSino vaccines will facilitate vaccine administration in areas with poor access and help Malaysia achieve herd immunity as per the timeline set under the National Recovery Plan.