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MALAYSIA HOSTS PRESTIGIOUS WSV2025 TO ADVANCE VIROLOGY, VACCINES AND GLOBAL HEALTH INNOVATION

KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 6, 2025 – Malaysia proudly welcomes over 300 global experts, researchers, and scientists to the **3rd International Conference of the World Society for Virology (WSV2025)**, held at Impiana KLCC Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. Themed *“The Virosphere of Our Cellular World”*, the conference marks a major milestone in international scientific collaboration and Malaysia’s growing leadership in the field of virology.

Officiating the event, **Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, YB Tuan Chang Lih Kang**, underscored the significance of hosting WSV2025, calling it a strategic platform to accelerate solutions to pressing public health threats, while fostering innovation and inclusive global partnerships.

“Malaysia is honoured to host this esteemed gathering of global virology leaders. As we navigate a world shaped by emerging diseases and evolving pathogens, WSV2025 reflects our commitment through the lens of MADANI government vision, to building a future that is sustainable, compassionate, and grounded in science and innovation,” said YB Chang Lih Kang.

He emphasised the need for stronger investments in virology research, early-warning systems, diagnostics, and vaccine development not just as a response to pandemics, but as a proactive pillar of national and global health resilience. WSV2025 features a comprehensive scientific programme, with 12 keynote addresses and over 150 oral and poster presentations, drawing participation from more than 25 countries. Topics cover a broad spectrum including immunology, zoonoses, emerging infectious diseases, vaccine innovation, and cross-disciplinary virology research.

Organised by the World Society for Virology (WSV) in collaboration with the National Institutes of Biotechnology Malaysia (NIBM), the event is also co-hosted by key institutions including Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Institute for Medical Research (IMR), Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM), Universiti Malaya (UM), Monash University Malaysia, and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).

YB Minister also spotlighted the role of the **Malaysia Genome and Vaccine Institute (MGVI)**, an institute under NIBM which plays a leading role in national efforts to develop homegrown vaccines, improve diagnostics, and advance genomic surveillance capabilities.

“Malaysia's pursuit of becoming a high-tech, high-income nation by 2030 goes hand in hand with our investments in STI. Through institutes like MGVI, we are developing not only scientific solutions, but also strengthening national capacity to safeguard public health,” he said.

WSV2025 is a living testament to the MADANI Government's belief in inclusive progress rooted in respect, sustainability, and shared prosperity through knowledge. The conference will set the stage for enduring cross-border partnerships, nurturing future scientific talent, and turning knowledge into meaningful action for the global good.

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