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PHASE TRANSITION AND SOP RELAXATION

A. Transition of Phases of the National Recovery Plan (NRP)

Taking into account the current risk assessment carried out by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) and the National Security Council (NSC), the COVID-19 Pandemic Management Special Committee today agreed to the transition of the NRP Phase for the following states starting 25 October 2021:

Johor and Terengganu: Moving from Phase 3 to Phase 4

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for states entering Phase 4 are the same as before. The latest SOP information will be updated by MKN on the official website www.mkn.gov.my.

B. Complete vaccination requirements for adolescents

The National COVID-19 Immunization Plan (PICK) for adolescents aged 12 to 17 years has officially started on September 20, 2021. As of yesterday, October 21, 2021, 11:59 pm, the first dose vaccination rate for adolescents has reached 80.2% or the equivalent of 2,524,156 individuals. This rate is among the fastest in the world.

The COVID-19 Pandemic Management Special Committee today agreed that the complete vaccination facility for adults is currently also extended to adolescents who have been fully vaccinated. This means, complete vaccination requirements for adolescents between the ages of 12 to 17 years will be stated in all SOPs.

However, it will not be implemented immediately. **The Government will coordinate the relevant facilities and give adolescents a 'grace period' for 3 weeks or until mid-November.** This period is to ensure that 80% of adolescents who have received their first dose at this time, have been fully vaccinated.

C. International Tourism Bubble SOP (Inbound) for the Langkawi Island Pilot Project

The COVID-19 Pandemic Management Special Committee today also agreed with the proposed SOP presented by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MOTAC) on the International Tourism Bubble (Inbound) for the Langkawi Island Pilot Project.

Accordingly, for international tourists who wish to take advantage of this international tourism bubble must meet the conditions and comply with the SOPs that have been set as follows:

a. Pre departure

i. Target group

- Quality tourists (high yield)
- Individuals who have been fully vaccinated
- Children under the age of 18 must be present with their parents/guardians who have been fully vaccinated
- List of countries allowed subject to the Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM)/Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH)/Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KLN)

ii. Duration of Stay

- At least 3 days
- No quarantine conditions (applies to Langkawi International Tourism Bubble only)

iii. COVID-19 PCR-RT test

- 72 hours before departure
- Compulsory in digital / printed form

iv. Insurance

- Min US \$ 80,000

v. Tourism services

- Compulsory (tour operator licensed under MOTAC)

vi. Passport & Visa Health Declaration Form LoU and Indemnity

- Compulsory

vii. MySejahtera Application

- Upload and register before departure

b. Arrival and Accommodation

i. Via KLIA

- Rapid Molecular Testing (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Or directly to Langkawi (compulsory RT-PCR COVID-19 test on the second day)



- If positive, will be taken directly to isolation center / quarantine / private hospital (according to Category)

ii. Tour Guide

- 1 TG in one group tour (maximum 20 people)

iii. PCR-RT COVID-19 test

- If traveling for 3 days, screening test on the second day is sufficient (can be used to return to the country of origin)
- If traveling for more than 5 days, must perform screening test on the fifth day
- ALL costs are borne by tourists

c. Pre -departure back to country of origin

i. COVID -19 PCR -RT test

- 72 hours before departure
- If traveling for 3 days, screening test on the second day can be used for departure back to the country of origin

d. Pilot project

- Will be conducted for 3 months for MOH and NSC to evaluate its effectiveness before being implemented in resort islands and other tourist areas.

D. SOP on Entry of Foreign Workers to Malaysia (Plantation Sector)

The COVID-19 Pandemic Management Special Committee today agreed the proposed SOP for the entry of foreign workers into Malaysia, especially to meet the needs of the plantation sector as presented by the Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR). These SOPs will be enforced in all designated sectors and approved on a case-by-case basis by the Foreign Workers Committee co-chaired by the Minister of Home Affairs and the Minister of Human Resources.

The Pandemic Management Special Committee meeting today also approved the SOP on the entry of foreign workers into the country. Meanwhile, quotas and dates of entry of foreign workers for other employment sectors are subject to the decision of the Joint Meeting of the Minister of Home Affairs and the Minister of Human Resources.

The SOP for the entry of foreign workers are as follows:

a. Pre-Departure

- i. Has received complete vaccination in the source country (certified by the World Health Organization (WHO))
- ii. Perform screening test using RT-PCR 72 hours before leaving the country of origin
- iii. Submit vaccination certificate
- iv. Comply with immigration conditions and policies and other criteria set by the Government

b. Upon Arrival

- i. Only through one entrance, namely Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) 1 and KLIA 2 only (except foreign workers from Thailand - crews of local fishing vessels via land routes such as Bukit Kayu Hitam, Wang Kelian, Betong and Rantau Panjang).
- ii. Dealing with representatives of employers and relevant Government Agencies (Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM), Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH), Regulatory Agencies and others)
- iii. Special Lane entry of foreign workers.
- iv. Deputy Diplomatic Representative of the source country (optional)

c. After Arrival (quarantine period)

- i. The quarantine period is coordinated with the MOH (compulsory quarantine period is 7 days)
- ii. Government -certified Quarantine Center around the Klang Valley only (except for Thai Foreign Workers working as crews of local fishing vessels who will use the Quarantine Center near the entrance)
- iii. RT-PCR tests on the second and 5th day of the quarantine period
- iv. If positive, category 1 or 2 cases should be isolated in private PKRCs, while category 3, 4 and 5 cases should be referred to private hospitals

d. Post Quarantine

- i. Upon completion of quarantine and confirmed negative, foreign workers will be brought to the employer's premises
- ii. Transportation will be provided by the employer
- iii. FOMEMA affairs
- iv. Foreign workers have to comply with the SOPs set by employers.



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The Government calls for these concessions, and that it can be fully utilised by the people adhering to the discipline, with a sense of responsibility.

The success of bringing the country out of this pandemic does not only depend on the efforts and strategies of the government alone. On the other hand, it is also highly dependent on the level of compliance of the community to the SOPs that have been set. Therefore, wear a face mask, practice physical distancing and always maintain personal hygiene and safety.

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