



News Release

MORE THAN 86% OF PROTON STAFF FULLY VACCINATED

- Staff from vendors and dealers included in PIKAS vaccine initiative

Subang Jaya, 12 August 2021 – Following the implementation of the second round of its PIKAS vaccination programme last week, over 86% of PROTON's 8,486 staff members are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19. That number is expected to increase over the coming weeks as 98% have already received their first dose, in line with the company's aim to achieve herd immunity in its chain of operations.

Similar to the first round of vaccinations, the sports complex at the company's Tanjung Malim plant was repurposed as an industry vaccine dispensing centre (PPVIN), catering for staff and vendors in the area, while those based in Shah Alam went to the Shah Alam Convention Centre (SACC).

"PROTON is pleased to announce our PIKAS vaccination programme has been a resounding success. There are more than 60,000 people in our business ecosystem, including staff from vendors and dealers, so we are thankful to MITI, MOSTI and the Ministry of Health (MOH) for their guidance to coordinate such a mammoth task and ensuring everyone registered on MySejahtera has been given the vaccine.

"We estimate more than 80% of our operations chain would have received at least one dose of the vaccine by the end of August and this helps to ensure PROTON is able to hit the ground running once the automotive industry is given the greenlight to resume operations nationwide," said Dr Li Chunrong, Chief Executive Officer, PROTON.

To prepare for this, PROTON has relooked at its business procedures to reduce the likelihood of infections being spread. Retail operations have been further tightened to protect customers and staff alike while production processes at all PROTON plants have been scrutinised for any possible risk of infection to both downstream and upstream operations.

"PROTON is committed to helping Malaysia lower the number of Covid-19 infections to quickly achieve the milestones in the national recovery plan. We have created new processes in all areas, from our production lines to our corporate offices, ensuring a new and safer work environment. It also means strict new rules will be enforced throughout the company and measures such as virtual meetings and splitting work between home and the office will be the norm for the near future," added Dr Li Chunrong.

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About PROTON

PROTON Holdings Bhd began as Malaysia's first national car project, founded with the aim to accelerate Malaysia's economic development and lay the foundations for the local automotive industry. In 2017, PROTON entered its next phase to be a modern and global automotive brand; through a partnership between its two principals, DRB-HICOM and Zhejiang Geely Holding Group. Today, PROTON continues to delight its customers with cars anchored on its brand promise of Inspiring Connections, and founded on its core values of always delivering Innovative Technology, Reliability and International standards.