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INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN KLANG MAY CONTINUE OPERATIONS

The 22nd National Security Council (NSC) Special Session Meeting held virtually and chaired by YAB Prime Minister this morning discussed specifically the COVID-19 pandemic transmission including the latest COVID-19 cases in the Klang District.

I reported to the NSC Session the outcome of my discussion held earlier this morning with the Selangor State Health Director, Dato' Indera Dr. Sha'ari Ngadiman regarding the health situation in the Klang District and the proactive measures that have been instituted by the State Health Department to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Selangor. The NSC Session took cognizance of current developments and the situation including feedback gathered from industry associations and local and international commerce and business chambers.

The State of Selangor contributes 24 percent to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 30 percent of the entire manufacturing sector. In terms of the labour market, there are almost 3.5 million workers in Selangor, constituting 23.2 percent of the country's total labour force.

The Klang District is a major centre of industrial activity as well as a principal hub for container ports in Malaysia, contributing trade activities in Port Klang in excess of RM400 billion in 2019.

In light of this, and after considering the current health situation in the Klang District and the importance of ensuring economic sustainability, today's NSC Session has decided to allow all economic sectors in the Klang District to continue operations as before, subject to strict adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Authorities are henceforth instructed to enhance enforcement of SOP compliance to ensure the safety of workers and citizens in the Klang District.



The Government is mindful that companies and industries including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have invested in setting up security facilities and additional health protocols at their respective work premises since the Government reopened operations of the economic sector in early May 2020.

In this regard, MITI would like to remind companies and related industries that compliance with the prescribed SOPs is MANDATORY. Failure to do so will result in immediate termination of operations and legal action in accordance with current Statutes and Regulations.

It bears stressing that the Government's decision takes into account the need to protect both lives and livelihoods, and hence, to balance the protection of the safety and health of the people as well as to secure the continuity of employment and the sustainability of economic development while ensuring no disruption of the supply chain such as logistics, transportation, food and beverages and other essentials.

In maintaining the effectiveness and sustainability of the current economic recovery phase, the Government, however, will not compromise on efforts to secure the safety and health of the people.

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