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REPORT ON SPECIAL SURVEY EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE ECONOMY AND INDIVIDUAL (ROUND 2)

PUTRAJAYA, April 9, 2020 – Majority respondents (96.8%) benefited from the Economic Stimulus Package Prihatin Rakyat (PRIHATIN) announced by the Prime Minister on March 27, 2020, of which 68.2% of respondents received three forms of assistance, 13.9% received two and 17.9% received only one.

The findings were shared by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) based on the Special Survey Effects of COVID-19 on Economy and Individuals (Round 2) conducted online from April 10 to 24, 2020. A total of 41,386 respondents from all over Malaysia aged 15 and above has participated in this survey.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia said, "The analysis presented are based on respondent's feedback that includes qualitative personal opinion on economics, employment, life style and education."

With PRIHATIN, 70.1% of respondents found that it was effective as it reduced financial burden while 9.1% of respondents felt that it was highly effective as it relieves financial burden during the Movement Control Order (MCO) period.

In the midst of COVID-19 pandemic, 90.9% of respondents reckoned that priority was given to health and life, followed by income (4.6%) and normal life (4.5%).

The survey also found that 96.1% of respondents were satisfied with the services of frontliners and government health facilities in combating COVID-19.

On the other hand, the outbreak of COVID-19 influenced the lifestyle of 96.3% of respondents and 92.9% of respondents are willing to adapt to the new norm after the MCO.

In terms of education, most respondents (54.5%) said that the level of internet access for online learning was average. Because of this COVID-19, most educational

institutions conducted online learning sessions and the survey found that on average 67.5% of respondents joined online learning sessions within 1 to 5 hours daily throughout the MCO. In addition, 46.3% of respondents said internet access time for online learning was faster during the day between 7am and 12pm.

He added, “The findings of this survey will assist the Malaysian government and people in addressing the effects of COVID-19 on the economy and employment. The assessments are based on respondents who participated in the special survey and do not signify the views of all Malaysians. Therefore, it should be interpreted carefully to assess the effects of COVID-19 in Malaysia as it is not the official statistics. However, it can be used to support the current state of matters.”

“The MCO and the COVID-19 pandemic are affecting the system or the way it works for most individuals and companies, both in the public and private sectors. With the liberalisation of the CPP provided, most of the public is no longer performing their duties as before and they have to adapt to new norms in their lives including daily work and activities,” he said.

The full report of this Special Survey is accessible via DOSM’s portal at www.dosm.gov.my or at official social media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram @StatsMalaysia.

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