

Timber council gives RM1.3mil for vaccination initiative



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Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) is allocating RM1.3mil to expedite mass vaccination among workers from the timber-based sector through an industrial vaccination programme.

The council – which set up its vaccination centre in Olak Lempit, Banting in Selangor, for this purpose – has successfully administered the first dose to 10,005 workers as of Aug 16.

The “Vaccination Programme for the Agricommodity Sector at PPVIN@Olak Lempit” began vaccinating factory workers on July 28 and will cease operations on Sept 6.

The council will engage with the respective timber associations and companies in other states to provide the subsidies they need to enable mass vaccination to curb workplace clusters in factories.

MTC chief executive officer Muhtar Suhaili said: “Covid-19 is going to become endemic and we need to create workplaces that are safe for us to operate in for business continuity.

“MTC will provide a subsidy of RM30 per vaccine for each factory worker.”

The timber industry is fully committed towards mass vaccination as it has suffered losses amounting to RM60mil daily in June due to the lockdown.

To revive operations in line with the government’s directive, which stipulates the percentage of **Close** n the number of vaccinated employees, business owners are ers get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

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