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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MEASAT Supports Covid-19 Vaccination Drive with CONNECTme NOW service in Kota Kinabalu Vaccination Centres**

*Complimentary satellite broadband data for use across three PPV centres*

**Kota Kinabalu, 13 August 2021** – In support of smooth, safe and effective vaccination efforts by the Special Committee for Ensuring Access to Covid-19 Vaccine Supply (JKJAV) in Sabah; MEASAT Global Berhad (“MEASAT”) will be sponsoring broadband data offered through its satellite-based CONNECTme NOW service. The allocation will cover three Vaccination Centres (“PPV”) – at SK Talungan Telipok here beginning today (13 August) followed by Balai Raya Kg Kolosunan (16 August) and SK Babagon Toki (17 August) – both in Inanam. Overall, the vaccinations are targeted to cover close to 2,000 people including 1,200 at SK Talungan Telipok, 50 at Kg Kolosunan and 700 at SK Babagon Toki.

Through the sponsorship of internet data, healthcare workers, supporting personnel and members of the public at the vaccination centres will benefit from broadband coverage with speeds of up to 30Mbps.

“At MEASAT, we are committed to using our technology to serve the needs of Malaysians. This includes using our CONNECTme NOW satellite-based broadband service to provide coverage for people living in remote areas with limited telecommunications tower infrastructure. With the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination drive, it is critical for all vaccination centres to have reliable broadband service at good speeds, particularly for updating records on the MySejahtera application and for communications by frontline personnel. In line with our vision, we are offering our resources to overcome intermittent internet connectivity at these three sites, with the support of our rapid deployment team,” said Yau Chyong Lim, Chief Operating Officer, MEASAT.

Meanwhile, public health expert Dr Suhaila Osman, who is the Chief Coordinator for the Kota Kinabalu District Vaccination Centres, said, “The installation of CONNECTme NOW satellite broadband service by MEASAT at these three vaccination centres is most beneficial. It will certainly help our frontline medical personnel update vaccination status in the MySejahtera application, as well as communicate with their colleagues around Kota Kinabalu and in Kuala Lumpur. It is good to see private corporations stepping forward to contribute their expertise and resources to help Malaysia through this difficult time.”

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## **About MEASAT**

MEASAT is a premium supplier of communication and video services to leading broadcasters, Direct-To-Home (DTH) platforms and telecom operators. With capacity across five (5) communication satellites, MEASAT provides services to over 150 countries representing 80% of the world's population across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Australia.

MEASAT is recognized as the Rural Broadband Service Provider in Malaysia, through its CONNECTme NOW satellite broadband service. CONNECTme NOW is a high-speed WiFi Hotspot service leveraging MEASAT's innovative satellite broadband system. It is best suited for public use in underserved or unserved areas in Malaysia. CONNECTme NOW users can access the Internet by purchasing Prepaid Access Codes (PAC) from Authorized Agents within their local communities. The PAC is priced cost-effectively in small packages to meet user needs and affordability without long contracts or high upfront fees.

Soon, the MEASAT fleet will be further strengthened with the addition of MEASAT-3d at 91.5°E in 2022 which will support cost-effective high-speed broadband with up to 100 Mbps speeds in areas without any terrestrial network throughout Malaysia; increase video distribution capacity across the Asia Pacific region, and provide unrivalled in-orbit satellite redundancy for the region. For more information, please visit [www.measat.com/](http://www.measat.com/) [www.connectmenow.my](http://www.connectmenow.my).

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