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COVID-19 Vaccination Programme statistics

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for the 90th day since February 26, 2021.

So far, about 2 224 100 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered for members of the public (please see Annex 1). Among them, about 1 289 800 persons have received their first dose, with about 553 800 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 736 000 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine. About 934 300 persons have received their second dose, with about 409 300 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 525 000 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 8pm today (May 26), about 24 000 persons have received vaccination and about 21 900 new vaccination bookings have been made online, detailed as follows:

(i) About 5 800 persons received their first dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 2 600 persons vaccinated at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and about 3 100 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme;

(ii) about 4 000 persons received their second dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 1 900 persons vaccinated at CVCs and about 2 200 persons at private doctors and clinics;

(iii) about 5 300 persons received their first dose of the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs, and about 8 800 persons received their second dose of the BioNTech vaccine;

(iv) the overall percentage of people who have received the Sinovac vaccine at CVCs is about 95 per cent; while the overall percentage of people who have received the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs is about 96 per cent; and

(v) about 6 700 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the Sinovac vaccine, while about 15 300 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 14 cases of ambulance transfers to hospitals. Among them, seven persons were discharged, two persons were admitted for observation and five persons were discharged against medical advice (please see Annex 2).

As background information, in the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 54 cases of stroke or myocardial infarction that required admission to the Intensive Care Unit, Acute Stroke Unit and Cardiac Care Unit of public hospitals. The state of new cases admitted to the wards concerned is provided as a cross reference to enhance fuller public understanding of

cases of the kind recorded on vaccine recipients.