

## MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE MALAYSIA

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## GOVERMENT OF MALAYSIA'S DECISION TO ALLOW FOR STRANDED MM2H MEMBERS ABROAD TO RETURN TO MALAYSIA

- Malaysia has made a judicious decision to allow those members of Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) stranded abroad to return to their lovely homes in Malaysia, following the easing of Movement Control Order (MCO) imposed since 18 March due to COVID -19 Pandemic. It is now replaced with Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May till 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- 2. Based on the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture's record, currently there is a total of 253 MM2H members including their dependents who have been stranded abroad and requested to return to Malaysia.
- 3. While the Government of Malaysia is concerned and shared the plight of the stranded MM2H members abroad during the MCO, we hope that they could understand the challenges faced by the Government in dealing with the scourge of COVID-19 that has been spreading rapidly throughout the country. Towards this end, the Government has given its utmost priority to protect the populace including the MM2H community from the scourge of COVID-19, as well as to secure Malaysia's border from the spread of virus. The prompt and effective approach undertaken by the Government helped to contain and flatten the curve on the spread of COVID -19.
- 4. In this regards, the stranded MM2H members may re-enter Malaysia beginning from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 onwards. While the Government welcomes home the stranded MM2H members, they have to comply with all the MCO's requirements. This include a medical screening at KLIA Airport and to observe a 14-day quarantine at the Quarantine Station and to bear the accommodation cost at the respective quarantine station.
- 5. Last but not least, the Government of Malaysia wishes all the stranded MM2H members a safe journey back to their second home Malaysia, and to be happily united with their loved ones.

'Welcome Home and Stay Safe'

Thank you.

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