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An eBook of COVID-19 : How Malaysia Faced It First Series

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Abstract: *The COVID-19 epidemic has spread to all countries in the world including Malaysia. COVID-19 is a coronavirus (CoV) that is dangerous, highly infectious, and attacks the human respiratory system. The tests that are conducted to detect the COVID-19 virus are the molecule test (PCR) and antigen test (RDT). To cope with the threat of this dangerous virus, Malaysia has set up a Special Committee on Ensuring Access to COVID-19 Vaccine Supply (JKJAV) to ensure all individuals in Malaysia get protection from vaccines and are safe from the COVID-19 virus. Accurate information also needs to be channelled to the community so that they can protect themselves and their families from COVID-19 infection. Therefore, an eBook is produced to collect information regarding the management of COVID-19 in Malaysia.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

At the end of 2019, the world community was shocked by the discovery of a new coronavirus that can attack the human respiratory system and can lead an infected person to death. The panic that started in China began to spread throughout the world by crossing various countries. The rapid spread of this virus has caused most countries in the world to be completely unprepared, especially from the aspect of accurate information related to the virus known as COVID-19. Based on the situation at that time, a variety of unauthentic information began to flood online websites in various countries and Malaysia was no exception, which indirectly caused an atmosphere of fear among the local population. On top of this concern, a group of lecturers from the Universiti Teknologi MARA Perlis branch have written a book detailing topics related to COVID-19 for specific reference for Malaysian residents. This book has been produced in Malay and English versions.

2. METHOD & MATERIAL

This eBook is developed using the Microsoft platform and the graphics used are obtained from webpages. All information regarding Covid-19 in Malaysia was gathered from various sources such as World Health Organisation (WHO) webpage, the Malaysia Health Ministry webpage and an online newspaper. This eBook has been broken into three main parts. The first part is about facts and statistics, the second part is about viruses, threats and vaccines and the third part is about history, control and prevention. The structure of the eBook was arranged according to the standard format from the National Library of Malaysia. The discussion related to writing style and descriptions has been carried out carefully so that the information written is accurate.

3. FINDINGS

An eBook of 42 pages had been produced. This eBook gives information about the COVID-19 disease, the symptoms, the tests that were carried out, the method of quarantine, vaccination programmes and management of the Malaysian government and the Ministry of Health in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. DISCUSSION

This eBook that has been produced is the first series of writings related to COVID-19 that has been published and can be referred to at the National Library of Malaysia as general reading. Through initial distribution to individuals, we have received positive feedback from eBook readers who interpret the eBook as relaxing but full of information and diagrams. The excitement of the feedback from these readers has led us to write a complete eBook related to COVID-19 when the country of Malaysia in particular has entered the endemic phase for the spread of COVID-19.

5. CONCLUSION

This COVID-19 eBook is proposed for the reader in order to distribute important information about the COVID-19 virus more quickly and easily. This eBook provides a lot of information such as the symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, the tests conducted by the Ministry of Health to detect the virus and the efforts that are implemented by the Malaysian government to break up the spread of this virus. Hopefully, this eBook can give awareness to the community to be more responsible to perform self-assessment and monitor their health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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