

MyVac volunteers proud to serve community and country

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysia Vaccine Support Volunteers (MyVac) initiative has gained a foothold among young people, as seen from the number who have registered and expressed intent to help the country achieve herd immunity as soon as possible.

Mohammad Syafiq Ridzwan Jamaluddin, 33, a Universiti Putra Malaysia Master of Science student in Youth Development, said he registered with MyVac last May after his friends informed him about it.

Syafiq Ridzwan, who is currently

stationed at the MINES International Convention and Exhibition Centre mega vaccination centre in Seri Kembangan, said he became a volunteer to be together in the fight against Covid-19.

“This is not a big sacrifice, at least I am doing my bit to help the country. Besides, my house is near the MINES, so it is not a problem.”

Syafiq Ridzwan said among his duties at the centre was to inform people of the benefits of vaccination as well as to highlight facts in order to convince the elderly group that the

vaccine is safe.

Meanwhile, Selangor State Youth Council activist Fauzana Bakri, 36, said she was proud to be given the opportunity to serve as a MyVac volunteer as it allows her to do her part in helping the country tackle the pandemic, although she is not a frontliner.

Fauzana said MyVac volunteers were able to assist in the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme process at every centre, giving them a chance to serve the nation.

Recounting her experience working

at the World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur on the third day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri this year, she said lots of patience was required in dealing with individuals from different walks of life.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Volunteer Corps Department member Mohd Sapari Suaim, 28, registered with MyVac as he wanted to serve the people and country. However, his application has not been approved yet.

For self-employed Muhammad Syazdaniel Abu Yazid, 27, he gained valuable experience during his 30-day stint at the Ideal Convention Centre in

Shah Alam.

On June 19, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican said some 80,000 individuals have registered to participate in the MyVac initiative nationwide, since registration for the first phase of the vaccination programme began in March.

According to Reezal Merican, of the total, 4,500 MyVac volunteers under the ministry have been assigned to 332 centres, while the rest are waiting for more centres to be operational.

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