



STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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CONDITIONAL MCO: SARAWAK TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO, ALL DIRECTIVES UNDER MCO 1, 2 AND 3 TO STAY FOR TIME BEING

The following is a statement from the Sarawak Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) in regard to the implementation of the Conditional MCO and the reopening of certain economic activities and sectors on May 4th as announced by the YAB Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday.

The Sarawak Government fully respects the announcement made by the YAB Prime Minister Tan Seri Muhyiddin Yassin on the need to reopen the economy hence relaxing the MCO 4 (Conditional MCO) effective this Monday May 4th, 2020.

However the State Government has decided to study the implications of the reopening of such economic activities, which sectors to open, when and to what extent they will be allowed to open.

For this purpose, the SDMC will make a decision after it has studied the changes in the regulations in Act 342 pursuant to the announcement by the YAB Prime Minister.

The SDMC must ensure that the reopening of the economic activities and sectors suits Sarawak circumstances.

Taking into account Sarawak's local situation in terms of the COVID-19 cases, logistic capability, the capacity of the Health Department and its geographical circumstances, the SDMC has found that many of the standard of compliance of the reopening of the economic activities will not be conducive in the state.

The State Government has decided to maintain the **STATUS QUO**. Therefore, ALL directives announced under MCO 1, 2 and 3 **REMAIN IN FORCE** for now.

The State Government will announce in stages the reopening of economic activities and other sectors. This will be done after every minute details of the standard operation procedures and guidelines are studied.

In addition, for those who have received the MITI approvals (during MCO 4), they are **REQUIRED** to get the State Government's **APPROVAL** through the SDMC for their applications to be reviewed before they are allowed to operate.

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