

Pixman recipient of one millionth AstraZeneca dose

KUALA LUMPUR: Zamratulazmi Sarmadi, 38, was relaxing at his home in Batu Caves yesterday when he received a call from a Kuala Lumpur World Trade Center (WTCKL) vaccination centre staff member, requesting him to arrive early for his second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Not suspecting anything amiss, he did as requested and arrived at 2pm.

As it turned out, he was the recipient of the one millionth dose of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine at WTCKL.

To mark the occasion, Zamratulazmi was invited on the stage by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, who congratulated him.

He was also given the honour of being administered the second dose of the vaccine by deputy Health director-general (Research and Technical Support) Datuk Dr Hishamshah Mohd Ibrahim, who was clad in full per-

sonal protective equipment.

Zamratulazmi, a photographer, said he was awestruck.

"I thought it was going to be a simple ceremony, but I was starstruck at being able to share the stage with the prime minister," he said.

He also offered a word of advice for those who had yet to be vaccinated.

"To those out there who have not taken their vaccine yet, you have nothing to fear. It is for our own good to protect ourselves from Covid-19.

"We must do our part. The rest we leave it to Allah," he said.

Ismail Sabri congratulated the WTCKL vaccination centre for achieving the landmark of administering one million Covid-19 vaccine doses.

The centre was established on May 5 specifically to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine.

WTCKL, Malaysia's first mega vaccination centre, began with an



Zamratulazmi Sarmadi, the recipient of the one millionth dose of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine, celebrating at the Kuala Lumpur World Trade Centre vaccination centre yesterday. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

initial 8,000 doses a day and later upgraded to 18,000 doses a day.

WTCKL executive director Datuk Seri Dr Irmohizam Ibrahim said the centre administered its one millionth vaccine dose on its 115th day of operation.

He thanked the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry, Health Ministry, Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force and Malaysia Vaccine Support Volunteers.

He said the vaccination centre

would operate until Oct 3.

"It is a proud moment for us to achieve the feat in the month when Malaysia is celebrating its 64th year of independence.

"WTCKL is ready to continue operating beyond Oct 3."