



# Over 2 million fully vaccinated

## PH receives 1.5 M more doses of COVID-19 vaccine

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**O**ver two million people have completed their two-dose vaccination against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the country as the government stepped up the free inoculation effort.

In the race to vaccinate the population, Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said 7,563,241 doses have so far been administered in the country – 5,551,087 who got the first dose and 2,012,154 receiving their second dose.

“Mahalaga na

makuha ang second dose ng COVID-19 vaccine para magkaroon ng kabuuang proteksyon laban sa virus (It is important to get the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to get complete protection against the virus),” Roque said during a televised press briefing Thursday, June 17.

The list of fully vaccinated individuals includes 1,021,531 health workers; 513,711 seniors; 469,747 people with comorbidity; and 7,165 essential workers as of June 16.

The country has so far received 14.2 million doses of coronavirus vaccines, including

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the 1.5 million doses from Sinovac jabs that arrived in Manila Thursday morning.

The delivery of 1.5 million doses of Sinovac from China brought to more than nine million the total supply of COVID-19 vaccines delivered to the Philippines. Early this month, the government started to vaccinate essential workers.

Secretary Carlito Galvez, National Task Force Against COVID-19 chief implementer and vaccine czar received the new shipment of vaccines that arrived onboard a char-

tered Cebu Pacific flight 5J671. With him was Health Secretary Francisco Duque.

The vaccines will then be transported to a cold storage facility of Pharmaserv Express, Inc. in Marikina City where it will be preserved prior to distribution to local government units (LGUs).

The shipment will be among the biggest single-day delivery of the Chinese vaccines in the Philippines. A total of 500,000 of the delivered doses, Galvez said, was bought by the Filipino Chinese Chambers of

Commerce and Industry Inc. (FFCCCII) through a tripartite agreement.

The Thursday delivery was the third of the shipment of Sinovac this month. One million doses each were delivered on June 6 and June 10 by the Chinese vaccine manufacturer.

Another one million doses are expected to arrive on June 24, while, some 250,000 doses of Moderna vaccines are expected to arrive in the country on June 25.

The country has recorded more than 1.3 million coronavirus cases, including 23,121 deaths, as of June 16.