NATIONAL E-CIGARETTE SURVEY (NECS) 2016: PREVALENCE, PATTERN AND PERCEPTION REGARDING **E-CIGARETTE AND VAPE USE AMONG MALAYSIAN ADULTS**

INTRODUCTION

Electronic cigarette is a battery-operated device which vaporizes nicotine solution into a form of inhalable aerosol. This product usually contains nicotine and also a variety of flavourings such as tobacco, menthol, fruits and coffee which are dissolved in propylene glycol, glycerine or a mixture of these two substances. The Ministry of Health Malaysia defines e-cigarette as nicotine containing while vape does not. The NECS 2016 was done to measure the prevalence and characteristics of e-cigarette/vape (ECV) use among Malaysian adults. This study also assessed the public perception on ECV.



This was a multi-stage stratified cluster sampling household survey representing all Malaysian adults aged 18 years at national and urban/rural level. A total of 4,288 adults from all the states were selected and weighted using complex sampling method to represent 19 million Malaysians.

PREVALENCE OF ECV USE

Ever user Tried ECV even a single puff	11.9% 2,300,000
Current user Using ECV during the last 30 days	3.2% 600,000
Former user Used ECV but is not using any since the last 30 days	8.6% 1,600,000
Dual user Currently using both ECV and tobacco cigarette	2.3% 450,000 67% still smoking cigarette
	95% started with tobacco smoking before using

ECV











