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MALAYSIAN STUDENTS TO REPRESENT MALAYSIA AT THE WORLD ROBOT OLYMPIAD 2023 IN PANAMA THIS NOVEMBER

BATU PAHAT, JOHOR, 7 September 2023 – Malaysian students with the most brilliant minds in robotics and technology gathered at the Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) from 4th to 7th September 2023 for the highly anticipated National Robotics Competition (NRC) 2023. The event brought together over 1,000 participants from across the nation to demonstrate their innovative creations, pushing the boundaries of what robots can achieve in various fields. Yang Berhormat Puan Fadhlina binti Sidek, Minister of Education Malaysia, YBhg. Datuk Haji Pkharuddin bin Haji Ghazali, Director General of Education Malaysia, and YBr. Tuan Haji Md Said bin Md Daimon, Johor Education Director were among the guests of honour at the NRC 2023 Awards Presentation and Closing Ceremony here today.

The NRC is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program designed specifically for primary and secondary school students aged between 7 to 19 years old. This impactful co-curricular program is organised yearly by the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE) hand-in-hand with Sasbadi Holdings Berhad (Sasbadi) since 2005. The objectives of this program is to promote interest in STEM education amongst students, to nurture their Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) as well as crucial 21st Century Skills such as creativity, collaboration, and communication skills.

Through the combined efforts of the MOE and Sasbadi, LEGO Education robotics equipment was first introduced to primary and secondary schools in 2006. Most recently, the MOE has announced an allocation of RM5,800,000.00 for the acquisition of STEM and robotics equipment for 320 schools across Malaysia through the Young STEMist Expo (YSE) program under the Initiative #49 *Pengukuhan Pendidikan STEM* to support STEM and robotics co-curricular activities. The supply of robotics equipment sets to Malaysian schools provides students and teachers with the invaluable opportunity to practise hands-on learning and teaching in classrooms as well as during extracurricular activities, such as the NRC.

2023 marks the 19th anniversary of the NRC. After a rigorous series of state level competitions across 13 states and 3 federal territories that were held between July to August 2023, the winners came together to compete in the national level competition. The winning teams at the national level competition have the honour to represent Malaysia at the 20th World Robot Olympiad (WRO) 2023 in Panama City, Panama on 7th to 9th November 2023 to compete against



other winning teams across more than 60 countries. Please see below for the details of the winning teams representing Malaysia at the WRO.

**MALAYSIAN CONTINGENT TO THE WORLD ROBOT OLYMPIAD (WRO), PANAMA CITY, PANAMA,
7-9 NOVEMBER 2023**

| CATEGORY | SCHOOL NAME | CITY | STATE |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|----------|
| ROBOMISSION PRO SEKOLAH RENDAH | SJKC PUAY CHAI 2 | PETALING JAYA | SELANGOR |
| ROBOMISSION PRO SEKOLAH MENENGAH RENDAH | SMJK KWANG HUA | KLANG | SELANGOR |
| ROBOMISSION PRO SEKOLAH MENENGAH ATAS | SMK CHUNG HUA | MIRI | SARAWAK |
| ROBOSPORTS | SMK CHUNG HUA | MIRI | SARAWAK |
| FUTURE INNOVATORS SEKOLAH RENDAH | SJKC PUAY CHAI 2 | PETALING JAYA | SELANGOR |
| FUTURE INNOVATORS SEKOLAH MENENGAH RENDAH | SMK KATHOLIK | PETALING JAYA | SELANGOR |
| FUTURE INNOVATORS SEKOLAH MENENGAH ATAS | SMK TINGGI BATU PAHAT | BATU PAHAT | JOHOR |

This year's theme, **Connecting The World**, teaches participants about shipping logistics and digital technology infrastructure and how robots can contribute to make them safer, more sustainable, and more efficient. By researching and grasping the concept of how different physical devices can connect to each other and exchange data, students are then challenged to develop robotic solutions that connect people and places in a sustainable way. Via the NRC 2023, students had the opportunity to showcase their critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving abilities that are fitting for a global stage.

At the event, Group Managing Director of Sasbadi Holdings Berhad, Mr. Law King Hui, said, "Over the past few days, we have witnessed a showcase of talent that serves as a reminder of the immense potential that robotics holds. From the captivating opening rounds to the heart-pounding finals, every moment has been a testament to the remarkable potential of our nation's youth. To our participants, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Your dedication to the pursuit of knowledge, your tireless hours of practising, coding, and building, and your unwavering commitment to excellence have truly paid off."

The NRC features a diverse range of categories, including **RoboMission Jr., RoboMission Rookie, STEM Invention & Innovation, RoboMission Pro, Future Innovators & RoboSports**. The closing ceremony culminated



in the announcement of the winners in each category. The winning teams not only received their well-deserved awards but also recognition for their outstanding efforts to contribute to the advancement of robotics technology.

For more information about the competition, please visit <http://nrc.sasbadi.com>.

ABOUT THE ORGANISER - SASBADI HOLDINGS BERHAD

Sasbadi Holdings Berhad is a leading education solutions provider in Malaysia that has been producing quality books and educational materials since 1985. Recognising the importance of 21st century skills and the rapidly changing needs in teaching and learning, the Group has created solutions that are user-friendly, interactive and fun for teachers and students by leveraging on information and communications technology (ICT). The Group also partners global brands such as LEGO Education to nurture students' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through dynamic learning platforms, as well as working with the Ministry of Education (MOE) Malaysia. In order to enable better accessibility to its solutions across Malaysia, the Group has started a multilevel network marketing business to extend its reach. Sasbadi also publishes a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles, illustrated storybooks, educational comics, encyclopaedias and technologically integrated titles such as Augmented Reality series to promote learning as a lifelong preoccupation for all Malaysians. The Group also offers various solutions for the learning and assessment of the English language. For more information, visit www.sasbadiholdings.com

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