

**SUKARELAWAN
SISWA**

Student volunteers

YAYASAN SUKARELAWAN SISWA (YSS)
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOUNDATION
MALAYSIA

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



*Winning Peoples Hearts,
Mind And Soul Beyond Borders*



WHO WE ARE

Yayasan Sukarelawan Siswa (YSS) was launched in 2012 as an entity owned by the Government of Malaysia through the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE). YSS is committed to growing a culture of volunteering among Malaysia's 1.3 million students of higher learning institutions and in the ASEAN region.

YSS positions youth volunteering as a key tool in developing volunteer leaders which is aligned with the Malaysia Education Blueprint (Higher Education) 2021 - 2025 that emphasises the balance between both knowledge and skills as well as ethics and morality.

With the concept of inclusiveness and immersion where volunteers eat, live and breathe with the local community, 1481 Student Volunteers were trained since 2012 through an enabling environment and continuous window of opportunity for them to grow.

YSS has executed 48 high impact volunteer missions in Sabah and Sarawak of Malaysia and across several ASEAN countries. Besides missions, YSS also partnered with organisations to carry out community engagements projects targeting beneficiaries from the lowest household income groups in Malaysia (B40).

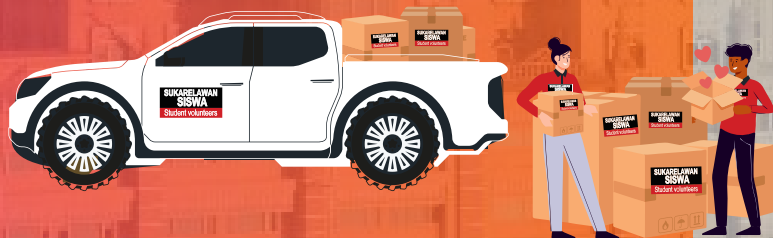


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To encourage, educate and guide the students of institutions of higher learning in volunteerism to promote a peaceful world and nurture the spirit of camaraderie.

YSS MISSION



To develop Malaysia as a hub for student volunteerism and to produce Volunteer Icons or Global Volunteer Leaders on the world stage.

YSS VISION



YSS OBJECTIVE

1 - Impactful Volunteer Leaders

To develop students volunteer leaders through impactful experiential learning.

2 - Sustainable Funding

To diversify resources for sustainable initiatives in pursuing objectives of establishment.

3 - Strategic Partnership

To intensify strategic cooperation with organisations of mutual goals.

4 - Branding

To strengthen visibility as a thriving organisation in the volunteering for development ecosystem.



YSS VALUES

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INCLUSIVE



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MUTUAL



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MEANINGFUL



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EMPOWERMENT



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**RIGHT
VOLUNTEER FOR
THE RIGHT JOB**



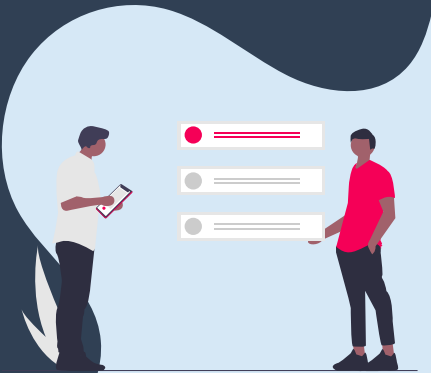
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EXEMPLARY



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The Year of Rebuilding, Relearning and Reconfiguring

2020 has been a challenging year. According to an article by UNDP, while almost everyone is exposed to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the most seriously impacted community are those who are already facing the highest vulnerability i.e; at-risk women and children, the elderly, young people, persons with disabilities, indigenous populations, refugees, migrants, and minorities. Many lose their income, struggling to make ends meet, while some are just in a constant attempt for a decent internet speed in order to access Google Classroom and seamless connection to Zoom meetings with limited devices shared per family.

With physical distancing and travelling limitations, organisations like YSS are redirecting from mass volunteers deployment to community rebuilding and development of volunteers capacity building. Given that volunteering work will never stop even in the face of a pandemic, YSS has reached out to over 12,000 beneficiaries throughout 2020.

Among the projects carried out were the Do-Nation project, the Flood Relief Mission, 3 months of free tuition to over 300 students under the B40 category as well as nine free training sessions that were attended by over 500 young people all packaged under YSS #StrongerTogether initiative.

A survey done by the International Forum for Volunteering in Development has also called attention to the emergence of a new volunteering model as a result of programme restructuring which embraces the technology through remote volunteering opportunities. With almost everything moving towards digitalisation, YSS is also diversifying our programmes, hence the birth of YSS eVolunteering and eTraining platform. These platforms allow everyone, especially young people to volunteer or develop new skills despite physical limitations and travel restrictions in the time of COVID.

An article by the United Nations highlights a global surge in volunteering due to the pandemic as volunteers responding to the need for help from their local community. Truly this very challenging year has changed the way we do things and simply proved that a pandemic isn't holding back volunteers but in fact, it had only made us more resilient and interconnected even more in order to leave no one behind.





YSS' efforts in carrying out volunteer initiatives with the involvement of students from diverse backgrounds and education, locally and internationally, is truly an effort to be applauded. This is all in line with the Ministry's efforts in producing students who are ethically and morally upright, spiritually grounded, compassionate and caring, appreciates sustainable development and a healthy lifestyle.

YB DATUK SERI DR NORAINI AHMAD

Minister of Higher Education & YSS Patron

Every sector is affected by the pandemic including the act of volunteerism, globally due to the many uncertainties. The crisis majorly impacted various sectors due to limitation of movements and travelling thus creating a challenge to mobilise resources for volunteering missions. However, YSS continues to assist the community in need through food pack assistance and crowdfunding by cooperating with various parties since the Movement Control Order began.



TAN SRI LEE LAM THYE

Chairman



YSS Stronger Together initiative was introduced in order to better packaged and restructure our programmes and projects to be aligned with the current situation. YSS Stronger Together introduces three main initiatives which are YSS eVolunteering platform, YSS eTraining platform, and Do-Nation Project. YSS Sustainability Report is YSS' commitment in the efforts of strengthening the spirit of volunteerism among students of higher learning.

MUHAMMAD AIMAN MOHD ZIN

Chief Executive Officer



TUITION MISSION

305

STUDENTS

September-December



Asrama Darul Akhyar,
Kuala Nerus, Terengganu



SMK Lembah Subang
SMK Taman Medan
SMK Dato Harun

DO-NATION PROJECT

RM 200,000

TOTAL DONATIONS

10,000

BENEFICIARIES

1. "Tabung Prihatin" COVID-19 1.0
2. Students Repatriation Movement
3. Ramadan Aid @ Taman Medan
4. Formula Milk Assistance @ Sabah
5. PPEs Assistance
6. Face Mask Aid
7. "Tabung Prihatin" COVID-19 2.0

**Do-NATION
PROJECT**
Feed The Love



FLOOD RELIEF MISSION

RM 200,000

TOTAL DONATIONS

2,000

BENEFICIARIES

JENDERAM HILIR | PARIT SULONG | HULU LANGAT
SEREMBAN | KUBANG PASU | JOHOR BAHRU | KOTA BELUD
PASIR MAS | LENGGONG | BUKIT KAYU HITAM

B40 ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT YSS - SME BANK

20
PARTICIPANTS

September-December

PPR Taman Medan
PPR Jelatek

VIRTUAL TALK SERIES

11
TOPICS



INSTAGRAM LIVE

7
TOPICS



FACEBOOK LIVE

E-TRAINING

547
PARTICIPANTS

9
SESSIONS



VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

400
REGISTERED
PARTICIPANTS





Tuition Mission

A study by A study by UNICEF which highlights how poverty impairs the opportunities of children living in low-cost flats in Kuala Lumpur to early education and makes them more vulnerable to malnourishment, with potential damaging impact on their cognitive development. Thus, providing the same accessibility to education for the students coming from B40 household income families, YSS carried out a free Tuition Mission for students aged between 16 to 17 years old, focusing on five main subjects, Malay Language, English Language, Mathematics, Science and History, for three consecutive months.

Two states (Selangor and Terengganu) participated in this Tuition Mission project. To ensure equity of beneficiaries, students were selected based on the People's Housing Project (PPR) and B40 Community list; bringing it to a total participation of 305 students.

This project is supported by Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera and MAIDAM Terengganu.



Flood Relief Mission

More than 48,000 people were evacuated from their homes to escape flood as the monsoon rain continued turning large areas into inland seas. Flood survivors were left with nothing but the clothes on their back in addition to the MCO that is still ongoing. To help ease their burden, YSS utilised RM200,000 for the Flood Relief Mission, benefitting 2,000 people from 10 different locations.

Flood victims were from Jenderam Hilir, Parit Sulong, Hulu Langat, Seremban, Kubang Pasu, Johor Bahru, Kota Belud, Pasir Mas, Lenggong and Bukit Kayu Hitam all received a comforter to sleep on and a dry food pack consisting of basic necessities such as rice, tuna, milk and many more. There were also fun kid packs containing stationeries, colouring books and even toys that were given to families with children, in hopes it would put a smile on the children's faces during those hard times.



Do-Nation Project

Benefitting over 10,000 recipients among the frontliners, students of higher learning and community-in-need, the Do-Nation Project is the largest initiative of YSS offering fast response to those who are affected by COVID-19, benefitting 10,000 people all thanks to many strategic partners that have been contributing to the project.

The project is divided into;

"Tabung Prihatin" COVID-19 1.0

When students had to undergo the movement control order (MCO) on and off-campus, YSS did crowdfunding to be funnelled to the students of higher learning in Malaysia who were in dire need of help. With a total collection of RM14,050, YSS managed to provide food packs for 1,204 students from 6 institutions, UMS, UPSI, UUM, Politeknik Melaka, UNIKOP and Widad University College.

"Tabung Prihatin" COVID-19 2.0

For the second phase of "Tabung Prihatin" COVID-19, YSS managed to collect a total donation of RM39,856.00; and worked closely with three public universities; UPSI, UiTM and USIM. A total of 900 food packs and hygiene kits were given to the students undergoing the movement control order (MCO) on and off-campus and weren't able to go home.

Students Repatriation Movement (#IPTPulang)

The Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) coordinated on students repatriation movement to send students back home during the movement control order in order to avoid mass travelling and resulting in the spread of the virus. As the movement involved thousands from various higher learning institutions, MOHE set up a 24 hours call centre dedicated to assist and attend inquiries from related parties. The repatriation took place in the month of Ramadan.

Thus, RM3,000 worth of travel packs consisting of ready-to-eat food and COVID-19 care pack (mask and hand sanitiser) were given to students travelling home.

Ramadan Aid

Due to the MCO that went on even during the month of Ramadan, with travelling limitations and families who rely on daily income were affected, YSS distributed food packs for iftar to 100 families in Taman Medan, worth RM15,000.



Formula Milk Assistance

As the MCO has affected many families especially communities relying on daily income and small businesses, YSS was able to identify a group of mothers with babies in Sabah who were struggling financially to make ends meet. To help ease the burden, YSS provided formula milk assistance worth RM5000 to 200 beneficiaries.

PPE's Assistance & Face Mask Aid

The early MCO has witnessed limited supply with very high demand for PPEs. In certain places, frontliners even had to use garbage bags as a PPE replacement.

YSS took the initiative to provide 500 personal protective equipment (PPE) to University Hospitals Research Centres and 51,210 face masks to Public Universities benefitting over 1000 beneficiaries.



B40 Entrepreneurship Project YSS-SME Bank

As small businesses run by B40 communities are often the ones impacted by the crisis, especially during MCO, in order to build resilience and their capacity of the business, YSS partnered with SME Bank for three consecutive months to run the training.

This project that took place from September till December 2020 focused on training digital marketing knowledge through social media for 20 participants from the B40 People's Housing Project (PPR) community in Taman Medan Petaling Jaya and Jelatek Kuala Lumpur.

They were guided through the aspects of content marketing and ways to expand their business market. Among the syllabus taught were Copywriting, Content Development, Facebook & Instagram Advertising, Website & Google Ads, and even YEZZA.



Virtual Talk Series

When the COVID-19 cases increased rapidly overnight, radio and television stations crew also started to work remotely from home. At YSS, a light-bulb moment occurred and what better way to engage with successful YSS Alumni than inviting them to talk live on a virtual talk series.

About 17 live sessions were carried out as we gave YSS Alumni the spotlight by inviting them to share various topics live for a virtual talk series via Facebook and Instagram. There were two separate themes, Tea & Notes for heavier topics with professional speakers as panels, and Kopi Talk for a more casual, relaxing conversation. Among the topics discussed on the live sessions were health, entrepreneurship, YSS Alumni initiatives during COVID-19 and festival series during Deepavali, Hari Raya, Chinese New Year and more.

future' and what it means for youth volunteerism.



YSS eTraining

Apart from the community rebuilding initiative, YSS also focuses on building volunteers' resilience and capacity. 9 free training sessions were carried out and were participated by over 500 YSS Alumni. The training sessions were divided into two categories which are YSS Volunteer Management Training Course and Life Coach Training Series consisting of topics from self development to life management.

YSS also had the annual Volunteer Leadership Development Programme (VLDP) virtually with the theme "Progress to 2030: Of Digitalisation and COVID-19". VLDP 2020 went on for 9 days and was attended by 400 participants with 8 local and international subject matter experts highlighting the importance of equal accessibility to digitalisation, quality education during a pandemic, being financially resilient in the new normal, maintaining good health wellbeing in the times of uncertainty, and how COVID-19 has changed the volunteering trend towards a 'digital future' and what it means for youth volunteerism.

YSS ALUMNI INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER



VIETNAM

LAOS

MYANMAR



CAMBODIA



MALAYSIA



INDONESIA





PHILIPPINES



BRUNEI



ALUMNI AS FRONTLINERS



As health workers are limiting physical contact with patients, seizure patients and Syndromic kids with less severity will be assessed virtually. Only a certain number of patients are designated to a particular district clinic. For example, high risk expecting mothers will be taken into the main hospital followed up by specialists or consultants. Even so, there are still a few advantages to online assessments of patients as it reduces human contact as well as operation cost.

At the hospital I am working at, all patients are required to undergo a swab test before receiving their treatments even if it's not COVID symptom related; since patients come from various work and lifestyle backgrounds and could be at risk of being exposed to COVID-19. **As a Doctor, we must ensure strict SOP compliance before the treatment process is implemented to ensure that the patient is not a carrier of the virus.**

Doctors and nurses are also required to wear a complete PPE at all times as these are one of the extra safety measures that we need to follow to keep ourselves safe so we do not infect other patients while on duty. The use of PPE in a humid country for long hours is very challenging, but we never considered it as a burden. Because at the back of our mind, we know that at the end of the day, when we finish work, we would want to return home safely to our family.

DR LAVANNIA KASINATHAN
Likas Women & Children Hospital,
Sabah



As a police officer, the pandemic definitely has changed the way we work. For example, before COVID hits, when a person is detained, we would normally register them immediately and put them in lockups; however today, the officer on duty must ensure that the detainee received a COVID-19 screening first prior to the investigation. This results in **investigations taking a longer time than usual as there are certain procedures that need to be followed to ensure the detainees are safe from any infection** or from spreading the virus to others; hence reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in prison cells.

Another step that we as armed forces took to avoid the spread of COVID-19 is also to tighten the borders. Ops Benteng, is an integrated operation carried out together with the Marine and the Malaysian Armed Forces which focuses on controlling the border to prevent human smuggling as illegal entries may be at risk of carrying and spreading the virus as they did not undergo any health screening prior.

TAI YONG KEONG
Police Officer, Melaka Contingent
Police Headquarters

I do work closely alongside the nurses and doctors who work directly with COVID-19 patients. In fact, as a nurse who works in the procedure room as well as being a part of the Anesthesia Team, I have the highest risk of exposure when handling patients who are at risk or positive COVID-19. As healthcare workers, fully compliance with SOP is mandatory. This includes taking precaution at all times including wearing correct and complete PPE and practising extra safety measures such as wearing Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) for certain cases and also practising social distancing especially during the circuit breaker period. Cleaning ourselves even more meticulously after work, regardless of how late or tired we may be, has become a normal routine that shouldn't be overlooked. It's a simple yet crucial thing to do to make sure that we're clean and will not bring all of the unwanted germs and viruses to our beloved ones at home or the community.



Similarly to the situation in Malaysia, our annual leave is "frozen" for a certain period of time and we are required to be on standby all the time for deployment to the other unit. I don't deny that in this critical situation, there will be a little emotional imbalance among the healthcare workers due to sudden change of policy at work especially during the earlier phase of the outbreak.

It's not easy especially when you're far from home and you're unable to return or visit your loved ones when they are in need. **Besides, the nature of work itself during these difficult times could be overwhelming. It needs lots of patience, sacrifice, hard work, resilience as well as a strong and sturdy heart, mental and physical.** The COVID-19 pandemic is one of many other diseases in the world. This is undeniably the biggest battle thus far but remember, we are fighting this together and the burden should not be carried alone. Hence, it is not a reason for us to break apart and fall into emotional distress. Rest if you need to but don't forget to fight back again. In fact, we should be stronger because we are the frontliners holding the fort to ensure health and wellbeing for the people. the extra safety measures that we need to follow to keep ourselves safe so we do not infect other patients while on duty. The use of PPE in a humid country for long hours is very challenging, but we never considered it as a burden. Because at the back of our mind, we know that at the end of the day, when we finish work, we would want to return home safely to our family.

JANDY PERRA JEMBU
Registered Nurse,
National University Hospital,
Singapore



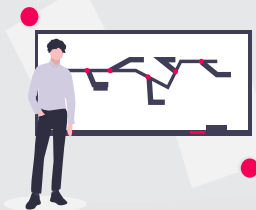
Prior to the pandemic, I served as an investigation officer for drug-related cases, on which upon completion of the case in court, I would have completed my assignment on the day. However, during the pandemic we've been working longer hours and act as support services by being involved with roadblocks and monitoring SOPs around districts; working together with RELA and Malaysian Armed Forces to ensure a controlled SOP compliance.

In terms of monitoring, I would normally take note of the rate of infection and the numbers of active positive cases to be shared with the District Police Chief to be conveyed to the Pahang Police Chief. The information will then be conveyed to the National Security Council (MKN). Among the other duties as a Monitoring Officer, is identifying how many roadblocks that were held as well as their designated location, how many vehicles and people that were allowed to pass through, and how many that were required to turn back, how many people were compounded and how many compounds that were issued.

Although there have been various issues that contradicts with the current announcement made by the Senior Minister of the Malaysian National Security Council; as police officers are subject to their respective Headquarters; **do not worry as police officers would always ensure the safety of the public, especially during a pandemic.** The strict restrictions and monitoring are executed only to ensure that everyone complies with the SOPs in order to avoid further transmission of COVID-19 in our country.

INSPECTOR MOHD BADRI
Narcotics Criminal Investigation
Division, Maran District Police
Headquarters

ALUMNI AS EDUCATORS



Although internet connection may not be one of the challenges of online teaching in urban areas, too much parental interference definitely is. I teach English and Science to primary school students, and I noticed that sometimes when parents join the classes, they would answer the questions on behalf of their children. I understand that the parents are trying to show their effort to enhance their children's participation but in the long run, this may be unhealthy for their children's development.

Students participation in online classes is also something that we may have to work on as it is very hard to get full attendance due to many factors. One of them being that most primary school students don't own personal devices. They would have to wait for their parents' devices or take turns with their siblings.

As a teacher myself, this pandemic and online teaching has taught me many new things. **I learned how to use my creativity in teaching** such as using Animaker and Plotagon to create animation videos and Canva to create presentations that would then be converted into a movie, **all to attract the students' attention.**

DHEVENTHIRAN DASS
Teacher, SK Taman Medan,
Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Poor internet connection is one of the main challenges that I faced on a daily basis with online teaching. Teachers are not able to host any sessions via Google Meet/Classroom and students are not able to access study materials or YouTube links given by teachers. There's even a group of students unable to be contacted until today because of the poor internet service.

With almost all forms of communication between teachers and students dependent via Whatsapp, I took the initiative to screenshot important clips from the videos to share with my students. Teaching materials were also shared in the WhatsApp group along with a voice note of me explaining the module.

I did try **exploring simpler ways in teaching, to make things easier for both the students and parents.** However, it did not always receive a positive response. For example, some parents were reluctant to use other applications besides WhatsApp as they claim it is hard for them to install other applications with such bad Internet connection.

LORIANA JARA

Teacher, Teacher, SK Kapit, Sarawak



As a Bahasa Melayu and Art teacher, I tried searching for teaching methods that would make things easier and simple, not just for me but also for the parents at home to guide their children. I normally design my materials on the Canva app and use the Open Broadcaster Software (OBS) to record them.

The recorded video will be played at the start of the session for about 20 minutes, and followed by a 30 minutes session on Google Meet to answer any questions from the students or parents. **Positive feedback from parents and students boost my motivation to do more.** By creating a clearer flow of teaching, it is not only more effective but could also be practised in a physical classroom post-pandemic.

AZRAI ABDUL AZIZ
Teacher, SK Taming Jaya,
Seri Kembangan, Selangor



Teaching online especially in a rural area is very challenging. The poor internet connectivity makes it difficult for students to submit their homework or even receive messages via WhatsApp or Telegram. To address the issue, the state government did provide a few other teaching method options, offline, and offside.

For the offline method, teachers will print out worksheets once a week and parents would come and pick it up on the first day of the week. We will then explain the syllabus or module via WhatsApp on a daily basis, and parents will be required to submit the worksheets at the end of the week.

We are aware that not every parent can afford to provide mobile devices to their children. Therefore, on the basis of humanity and tolerance, we would always give second chances to parents who weren't able to submit on time, as long as they submit the worksheet within a week.

In terms of teaching online, I had to keep myself updated with the current technology. The District Education Office (PPD) introduced a way to prepare questions using Google Form which allows students to submit their homework not more than once to avoid cheating or copying the answers of other students.

Overall the experience teaching online in a rural area during a pandemic, has made me learn a few things and what truly is memorable is when **I could see the excitement and eagerness of students learning even with limited resources.**

AMIRUDDIN HASSAN
Teacher, SK Kuala Annau, Tatau,
Sarawak

A teacher's satisfaction is teaching. We have been taught to teach students in a different way and when the pandemic hit, teachers were trying their best to adapt with online teaching. The Ministry has also come up with a few new softwares to help ease the virtual learning and teaching process. Although online learning has many benefits, it was definitely hard to attract student involvement in an online class.



In my case, I go to school on a daily basis as I am teaching SPM students. However, our classes are divided into smaller groups according to the students' academic ability, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

MOHD FUAD ABDUL WAHAB Teacher, SMK Tun Mutahir, Melaka



Similar to the challenges faced by other teachers teaching in East Malaysia, I deal with unstable internet access on a daily basis. Although the Ministry of Education (MOE) provided us with a free

Google Classroom account, access to Microsoft 365 and access to the Canva app to create attractive presentations; the poor coverage and parents who can not afford to purchase internet data has made it difficult to get full attendances on our Google Meet sessions and on some days there would only be 3 students out of 20.

All forms of communication between teachers and students are also conveyed via WhatsApp with an offline option for parents to collect materials and worksheets at school once a week. Despite the fact that the satisfaction of teaching online is not the same with teaching face-to-face, this experience of teaching and seeing my students virtually will always be something to remember.

MC LLY ADRIAN BIN SIMON
Teacher, SMK Suai, Miri, Sarawak

ALUMNI IN ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR



Even before the pandemic hits, I have been working on my own mini organic garden. Everything used in the farming process is organic, even the

pesticides. When the crops are ripe enough, we would harvest it and share it with our employees as well as the surrounding community.

The reason I do the things that I do is because of my awareness on climate change and environmental sustainability. The usage of chemical fertilisers and pesticides are not only bad for the soil and insects, but it is also bad for our meals. I am also in the effort to educate my surrounding community to practice organic farming by hosting classes that covers both theory and practical aspects. As the world embraces technology these days, I utilise the social media, mainly Facebook, to share videos of my farming activities. I garnered quite a number of followers and they also practise farming organically without using chemicals.

In the long run, **I hope that more people will talk and share about organic farming on their social media to create a bigger awareness** as well as getting more people to do things that will benefit the environment.

FAHMI AHMAD
Company Director / Integrated Goat
Farmer
Bintang Agri Maju Sdn. Bhd,
Tangkak Johor



The pandemic has not only reminded us of how much we need the world than the world needs us but has also proved that the correlation between the reduction of operations in the

industry and climate change is not a hoax; based on the data shown before and during the pandemic.

As a Biodiversity student, environmental sustainability is one of my main principles when conducting a project. This is to ensure that my project continues to stay relevant in the long run yet still has a high impact. It also acts as a medium for me to spread the importance of caring for the environment under my team.

I have carried out multiple tree planting projects since 2017, and even had a chance to carry out a few 'tree tagging', 'climate change talk' and 'composting projects' in Vietnam when I participated in YSS Volunteer Mission. In 2020, I started a "Did You Know" project highlighting the importance of herbal trees in Malaysia, 'plant tagging' and carrying out mini projects on insects while undergoing industrial training for 6 months.

I wish to be a lecturer by having vast knowledge related to the environment such as Ethnobotany, Pharmacology & Biotechnology. This could be the platform for me to share my knowledge to those in the same field as mine or even to the general public.

MOHAMMAD AMIL ZULHILMI
MSc (Advancement of Biodiversity),
Universiti Malaysia Sabah



Many people find turtles cute but not many are aware that more and more turtles are dying each day because of human activities. Whether it's because of the excessive use of plastic or insufficient recycling, tons of human waste ends up in

sea, destroying an entire food chain of aquatic life and water quality.

Coming from a Marine Technology background, I took the initiative to lead a Wildlife Conservation project in Pulau Perhentian, focusing on a Turtle Project and Coral Restoration Project; in hopes that this initiative would protect marine life to a certain extent and create awareness especially among youths.

I also work in-hand with the 'Flood Clean-Up' project in Pahang where a crowdfunding is created to work in cleaning the areas that were tarnished by the flood.

Among the other initiatives I took part during the pandemic was Sea Turtle Population Identification where I stayed in Pulau Perhentian for months to further monitor this endangered species. It was a strenuous effort to run the project but we survived during the MCO with the Adopt-a-Turtle programme and other volunteers who came to contribute. To my surprise, **the number of sea turtles saved increased more than last year due to the declining number of tourism activities.**

Pandemic is not the reason for you to stop contributing to the things you love. What drives me forward is the passion to save the Earth. Let's be part of the difference.

NURUL ZAFIRAH HAMKA
Environmental Project Director
Charisma Movement
(NGO of UK-Malaysia Youth
Volunteering)



Sincemy undergraduate years, I have always been interested in the green economy biz; and with the thought of applying my background of study, I wanted to make an impactful contribution to the sector. Working in the environmental

sector has taught me many different things from what was learned in class and, one of them is project management on how to minimise risks and potential arising pollution while proceeding step by step of implementation.

I do believe that COVID-19 has changed most of our habits and surroundings. In terms of the environment, the pollution index decreased significantly and most of the contaminated rivers became clean, as many sectors involved have stopped their operations during MCO. Another one to highlight is the reduction in carbon footprints. In my opinion, one of the major contributions in reducing one's own carbon footprints is when most people are working from home, since they don't travel to and fro office anymore.

At the end of the day, when we talk about the environment, it all starts with ourselves. We need to change our mindset and create awareness on things like the disadvantages of improper waste disposal. Use materials such as reusable spoons or drinking straw when you can, and replace plastic bags with shopping bags. But most importantly, it is vital that we take responsibility in preserving our environment for years to come.

In the future, **I would like to see myself contributing to the environmental sector in terms of hazardous waste management and work on innovative solutions in preserving the environment.**

AMIR FAISAL
Executive
(Environmental Technology &
Solutions), Alam Flora Sdn Bhd



ALUMNI SPEARHEADING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS



Since COVID-19 hits and the implementation of MCO, **all learning sessions were carried out online with assignments submitted**

via online. I took the initiative to implement a Learning Session Programme using Microsoft Excel for Faculty of Civil Engineering UTHM students. Before, every student would submit assignments manually using Microsoft Word. However, with this Learning Session Programme using Microsoft Excel, it facilitates the review and submission process for both lecturers and students. It will be easier for lecturers to review all the assignments in a course and students will be able to re-track their previous tasks easily. Now, this programme is not only practiced on the student level but the academicians level as well as it has proved to enhance a more effective learning environment.

NURMIRA UMAIRAH BINTI MAHIRAN
Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia



I was in a stationery store when the idea to create The Gladiolus Project came to mind. Looking at the stationeries reminded me of the children that used to teach while volunteering under the

YSS Volunteer Mission programme. I formed a team with the other volunteers that I've met during my mission and we agreed that this project would focus on the residents in Kampung Malubang Sabah.

The villagers living in Kampung Malubang hold a special place in our hearts and when we were informed by our host families during the mission that many villagers in Kampung Malubang were deeply affected by COVID-19, we knew we had to help ease their burden. **We collected donations in the form of school supplies, daily necessities and special needs.**

There were many challenges throughout the implementation of this project. One of them being unable to deliver the donations to Sabah ourselves due to safety and health factors. However, we are thankful that the project was executed successfully, and receive positive feedback. All donations were successfully channeled to the beneficiaries in Feb 2021. This would not have been achievable without the great teamwork and cooperation from all team members.

MAS HANI
Universiti Tenaga Nasional



My team and I did crowdfunding - "The Asnaf COVID Fund" focused in Seberang Perai Selatan, Penang area. The aim is simple, which is to ease the burden of the community affected by the MCO. For this project, we have identified around 5 to 7 villages where the residents are most impacted by COVID and the MCO. We managed to obtain the data and information on residents categorised as Asnaf with the help from the Village Community Management Council.

The list of names given was quite long, and since we only had a RM5,000 fund, we had to filter out the names to only give to the most needed. Assistance was given in the form of in-kind and daily necessities and cash assistance according to the needs of the family members. Special necessities such as diapers and formula milk were also given to senior citizens and babies. Overall, we have successfully helped over 30 Asnaf families, single mothers, senior citizens and many more.

This project was also supported by Usamah Zayd Academy & Consultant and the Education Management Association of Universiti Utara Malaysia (EDUCATE) with local synergies alongside MPKK Sungai Duri, Sungai Baong, Changkat Dain, Sungai Bakap, Jawi Jaya and Bagan Buaya.

There were a few challenges moving down the field, but we did not give up and continued with the project in the aim to benefit the recipients.

MUHAMMAD FAIZ AIMAN
Universiti Utara Malaysia



Ever since COVID hits and MCO was announced, I saw my father's employee being a little lost. My father is a subcontractor and he has a number of workers

with him assisting with the construction. **As they depend entirely on daily wages, their income was affected and basically lost it during the MCO.** Thus, I started to do crowdfunding through social media and personal connections. It received positive responses from friends and the general public. We also received in-kind donations and are ultimately thankful for the generous acts.

All the donations were used to buy food and together with my friends, we managed to distribute the food baskets assistance to the workers, stateless individuals, poor families living in secluded areas and those settling in at construction sites temporarily as they don't own any place to live in. The distribution was carried out by fully complying to the SOP and local authorities regulations to ensure the safety of both my team and the beneficiaries.

ASMAH KADIR
Volunteer, Tawau



ALUMNI THRIVING IN OTHER CAREER SECTORS



I had only started working at the Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department (EPU, JPM) for three months when the pandemic hits Malaysia and just like everyone else, I eventually adapted to the new normal working environment while continuing to learn a lot of new things.

I am responsible under a unit which prepares, coordinates and controls policy-making.

As our work involves heavy discussions, work fatigue tends to hit harder than physical working as it takes up longer time and we have to be facing the screen for a longer duration. As much as it is easier to have face to face discussions, our team embraces technology facilities as much as we can in order to have a seamless remote working environment. However, it is still challenging as some meetings still require physical discussions and thus, we comply with the SOP to ensure a safe working environment.

There was a time where we would be working from 8am to 11pm every week as we are also involved with the development of Twelfth Malaysia Plan 2021 - 2025 (12MP), as well as conducting research on Malaysia's poverty and annual budget. **Nevertheless, it is still a responsibility that needs to be carried out which comes alongside with the position I am holding.**

SITI ZURIANAH ISMAIL
Assistant Director,
Economic Planning Unit,
Prime Minister's Department



Being in the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), we have been trained to prepare ourselves physically and mentally for a crisis, hence the COVID-19 transmission still affected the RMAF

however not as severe as the commercial airlines industry and we continue to conduct our training sessions at all times fully adhering the SOP of the new norm announced by the government and additional SOP of Subang Airforce Base. RMAF has also tightened the entry and exit points of all officers and visitors including their family members with in-and-out movements of officers subjected to the SOP in order to reduce risk of infection.

RMAF also takes personal hygiene seriously. We keep on practising and maintain the discipline in wearing uniform attire as per standard. Any pilot that has even a slightest symptom will not be allowed to participate in training and quarantines are also sometimes required for pilots arriving from red zones. **We also practise half manning to standby at squadron all the time during the MCO as it was not practical for RMAF to work from home.** However we do carry out our classes, meetings and morning briefing through online meetings. All training and operational sorties are still carried out as usual however the number of officers are reduced in order to maintain social distancing.

FARAH SHUKURI

**Lieutenant Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) ,
Pilot RMAF, Tactical Flying Training
Centre, RMAF Subang Airforce Base**





I work at a construction site of multiple contractors with a couple thousands of manpower, both local and foreign with its own distinct health and safety risks. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, everyone on site must comply with the SOPs and current rules set by the government.

Employees were also required to undergo a screening test in advance and must enter or exit the construction site using designated routes. Every morning, our temperature will be scanned to make sure there are no signs of illness, followed by a health and safety briefing.

In the current pandemic situation, our working hours were limited to 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday only, allowing us to have more rest days compared to before. However, due to the extra steps that we need to take into account before starting or after finishing work; the project will take a longer time frame than expected.

In terms of self-care measures, I fully comply with all the SOPs set by the government and also the company itself. Since working at construction sites already involves strict SOP due to its risks, it is important for me to ensure everyone on site takes safety precautions and health care measures to remain healthy and safe while completing the project accordingly.

SITI NURWALA

QAQC Engineer, PNB 118



The pandemic affected the aviation industry deeply. With travelling restrictions and closed borders, pilots and crews started losing their job due to the unfavorable situation; and those who stayed had a salary reduction up to almost 80%.

In my case, I was not going to let that situation bring me down. Knowing that the situation we are experiencing right now is full of uncertainty, and we are not sure how long it will take for the aviation industry to recover. **While my flight schedule has been lessened, 2 to 3 flights in a month, losing 80% of my salary income does not mean the world ends.** I decided to create another initiative to generate another income, I opened my own company, NL Rizqi Empire and registered under SSM to provide many services such as selling foods like popcorn and fruits, transport service such as last mile delivery service, house painting service and many more.



Since 2019, I was in one of the world's biggest online travel agencies, living my life, enjoying every moment of it. Then, COVID-19 happened. The travel industry suffered and was almost dead. In March, we were instructed to WFH. From hectic days at work to almost 0 calls and emails every day. Every day, I read the news of travel agencies shutting down everywhere across the globe. Thai Airways went bankrupt, SIA, Emirates, Expedia, Airbnb, Traveloka, KLOOK, laid off their employees. **The industry is bleeding. And there is no cure yet.** (Thank God now we have vaccine)

I still remember the date, 18 May 2020. I was still working, when I heard there's an emergency townhall and they had to lay off people, approximately 1,500 employees. My heart dropped and I prayed hard I wouldn't be affected. It was Ramadhan, a week before Eidul Fitr. An hour after my shift, the unwanted email came. I was among those who were affected. Boom. I was jobless. I could hear the world collapsed around me.

It took me 2 days to recover, a few weeks to accept the fact that I was laid off no matter how good my performance was. I couldn't stop thinking, why? But life goes on. I had to rise again and started again from scratch. 3 weeks later, I sent my resume to my headhunter. The only resume I sent. I secured the job, in a new field, with a better offer and role. Everything was done online.

Years ago no one would think WFH was doable but this pandemic is teaching us that it is doable. As long as your integrity is there, even remotely, it is possible and doable. It's been more than 6 months here! Recently I was awarded as Most Awesome QA in the KL Site alongside 2 others. Even working virtually, you can still contribute and add values to others.

FARAH NADZIRAH

Livestream Quality Assurance

I also decided to take a part-time job at a SANTAN Restaurant, owned by Air Asia as well as Teleport (food delivery service). Besides that, I also make time to do GrabFood delivery. I am thankful and grateful, in this pandemic situation, my family gives me a huge strength to cope up and survive. I will never give up.

MUHAMMAD NAJIB

Flight Attendant, AirAsia

STUDENTS REPATRIATION

#IPTPulang

Around 53,000 higher education students were expected to return home during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia. When the government initiated the Movement Control Order (MCO) in March 2020, cases were rising and panics were setting in with university students having to undergo the MCO in their campuses all across the nation.

To avoid mass travelling and resulting in the spread of the virus, the students repatriation movement started gradually and only for journeys to green zones. Students travelling back to Sabah and Sarawak had their flights paid for by the government with the cooperation of state governments. Students travelling home within peninsular Malaysia by bus were required to go through a COVID-19 screening before boarding the provided vehicles, while students with their own transportation were allowed to return upon approval by respective universities.

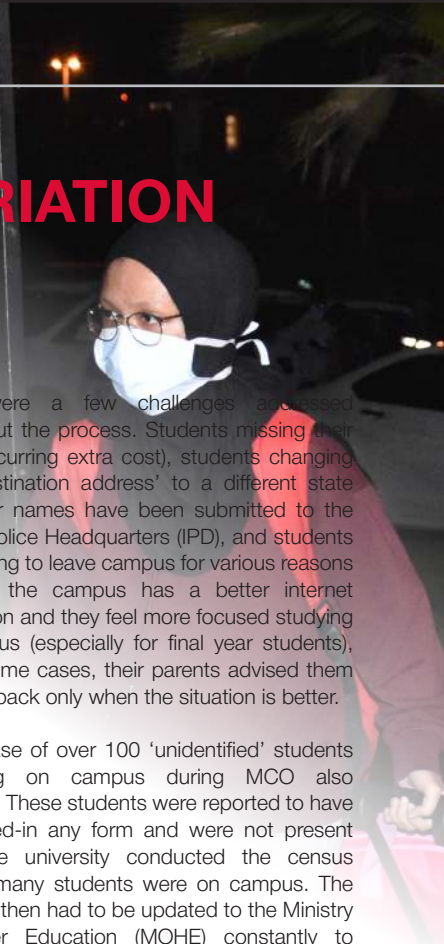
We interviewed a few YSS Alumni who are involved with the students repatriation movement of public institutions around the country. Among the alumni are, Izzat Akram bin Ibrahim (USIM), Kellin Wong Kai Xin (UMS), Muhammad Izzat bin Ebrahim (UKM), Muhammad Nur Naim bin Abdul Rehman (UPSI) and Shamellya binti Norazizi (UiTM Puncak Alam).

They assisted their respective universities by acting as a bridge between the university management and the student representative council, collaborated with NGOs for food and hygiene pack donations, as well as communicating with the local authorities for documentation and technical assistance.

There were a few challenges addressed throughout the process. Students missing their flights (incurring extra cost), students changing their 'destination address' to a different state after their names have been submitted to the District Police Headquarters (IPD), and students not wanting to leave campus for various reasons such as the campus has a better internet connection and they feel more focused studying on campus (especially for final year students), and in some cases, their parents advised them to come back only when the situation is better.

A rare case of over 100 'unidentified' students appearing on campus during MCO also occurred. These students were reported to have never filled-in any form and were not present when the university conducted the census on how many students were on campus. The name list then had to be updated to the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) constantly to ensure that these students received the same assistance as the other students stranded on campus.

As the movement involved thousands from various higher learning institutions, MOHE set up a 24 hours call centre dedicated to assist any inquiries from related parties.





MEDIA COVERAGE



YSS ALUMNI STATISTICS 2012-2019

YSS ALUMNI

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ALUMNI

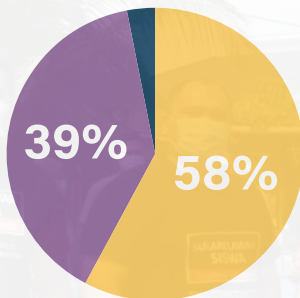


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Based on recent Malaysia Alumni Tracking Ops carried out until January 21st,

1281

664



Total: 664

385 YSS Alumni

259 YSS Alumni

20 YSS Alumni

385
YSS
ALUMNI

65

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83

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YSS ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES





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NUR AIMA MOHAMAD | YSS1146

Chief Minister of Johor Award
(Students Icon)
Best Johor's Student Award
(Academic)

ELYSSA HEINZIE ANAK JOSINI YSS 0016

Bronze Medalist, Tunku Medal Award 2017

LT. NUR FARAH MOHD SYUKURII YSS0237

Graduated Basic Flight Course Series 81/18 and
Awarded with the Flight Wing at INSPEN,
The Air Force College

ASMAH KADIRIYSS0074

COVID-19 Youth Hero Award
In conjunction with the National Youth Day
Celebration 2020

ABDUL ZAHIN | YSS0696

COVID-19 Youth Hero Award
In conjunction of the Annual General Meeting of
Federation of Malay Students Union
(Federal Territory)

OSCAR LING FANG JACK | YSS1373**HAIRUNNISA NURDIN | YSS1002****MUHD JIVEAN JOHAN WIRA | YSS0740****YUDHISTRA SUBRAMANIAM | YSS1359****KELLIN WONG KAI XIN | YSS1116**

YSS Alumni Selected for Perdana Fellow
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TATIANA KIM S.LUBONG | YSS1267

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University Student Government
2019-2020 Silver Excellent Service Awardee
Silver Campus Leadership Awardee

**MUHAMMAD AMIL ZULHILMI BIN
BENJAMIN | YSS1123**

Chancellor Award Recipient
In conjunction with the 20th Convocation
Ceremony,
University Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM)

OSCAR FANG JACK LINGI YSS1373

2nd Runner-Up ASEAN Data Science Explorers

RAZMAN DURHAN | YSS1335

Appointed as the President of Students
Representative Council 2020/2021
Universiti Malaysia Sabah

NURHAYATI HASANAH | YSS1216

Students Icon Award Recipient
(Volunteerism and Community Service Category)
In conjunction with the
"Hats off, Pre-Graduando" Event,
UITM Shah Alam

IMRAN AQIL | YSS1139

Hero Inspirasi Hero Remaja 2020

LIM YI SHAN | YSS1240**DANNY PUI WEI SHENGI YSS 1260**

Awarded Scholarship Joint Chemical & Process
Engineering Programme Established by
Hengyi With UBD & Zhejiang University

MUHAMMAD HAFIZ | YSS1160

Top 50 MONSTAR Awards 2020

SITI NURSRYARNISA | YSS1013

Volunteerism Award
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SHAMELLYA NORAZIZI | YSS1014

Favourite Ratu for Ratu Hijabista



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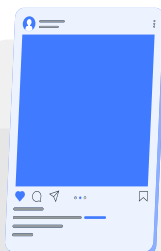
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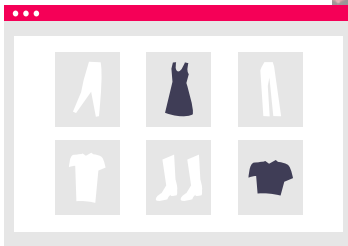
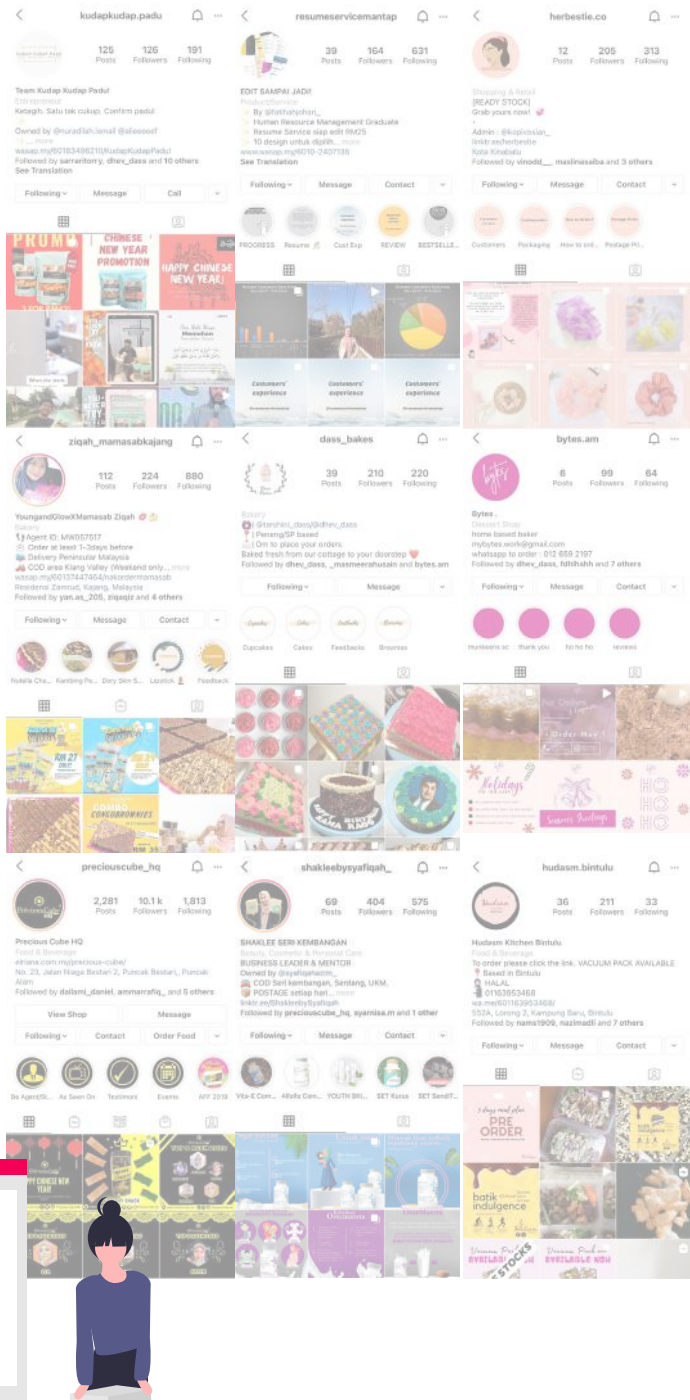
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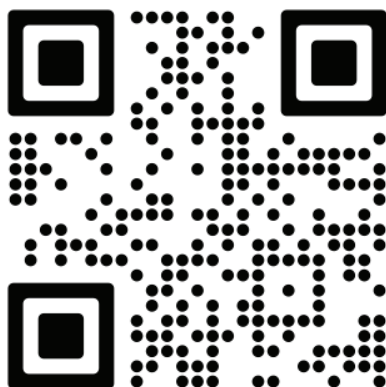
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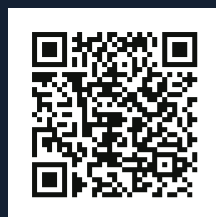
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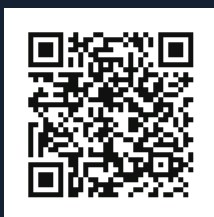
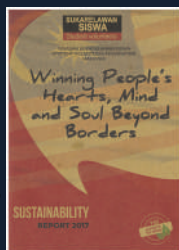
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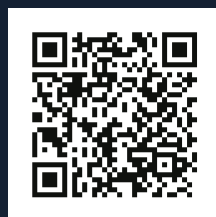
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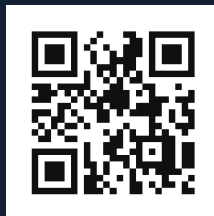
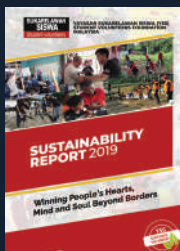
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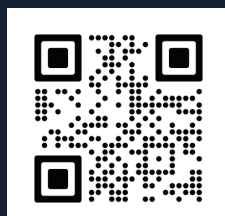
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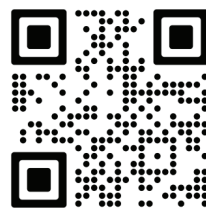
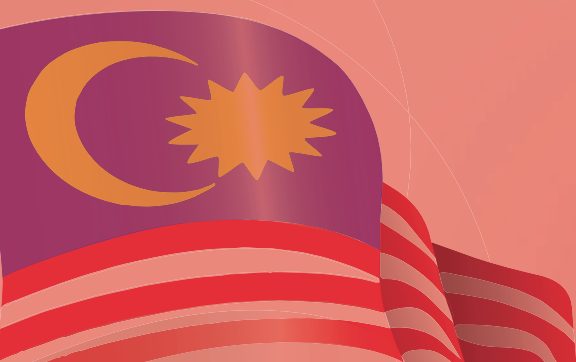


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