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MEDIA STATEMENT

ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme 2025

Date : 12th July 2025 (Saturday)
Time : 10.30 am
Venue : Sasana Kijang Bank Negara Malaysia, Auditorium Kuala Lumpur

1. Minister of Youth and Sports, YB Hannah Yeoh, today officiated the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Program (AYVP), which is being held from 12 to 19 July 2025. This program serves as a vital regional platform to raise awareness among ASEAN youth on the importance of volunteerism as a driving force within the third sector, promoting values such as humanitarianism, welfare, democracy, equity and economic empowerment.
2. The implementation of the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme aligns with Malaysia's role as Chair of ASEAN 2025 and commemorates the launch of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. As a strategic initiative, it promotes the values of unity, youth leadership, and cross-border community engagement. The programme also reflects the core principles of Inclusivity and Compassion within the Malaysia MADANI framework, which emphasises active youth participation in championing societal issues across nations, cultures, and backgrounds. Additionally, the value of Well-being is embodied through its focus on welfare, equality, and humanitarian efforts — all central to its volunteerism agenda.
3. The objectives of the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Program are to:
 - To develop an inclusive, resilient, and competitive ASEAN youth network.
 - To cultivate a new generation of leaders through value-based humanitarian volunteerism.
 - To enhance social impact grounded in sustainability and community well-being.
 - To strengthen Malaysia's leadership in advancing ASEAN's volunteerism agenda.

4. The ASEAN Youth Volunteer Forum, held today, brings together a diverse panel of youth leaders, policymakers, and representatives from regional organizations. It is also including international participants in a hybrid format and serves as a platform for fostering cross-cultural dialogue and regional solidarity.
5. The forum features interactive discussions centred around four core themes aligned with the ASEAN's agenda and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
 - Theme 1 - Bridging Gaps: Youth Volunteerism for Inclusive Growth
 - Theme 2 - Green Horizon: Youth Driving Environmental Change
 - Theme 3 - Unity in Diversity: Building Social Harmony Through Youth Engagement
 - Theme 4 - Tech for Good: Harnessing Digital Tools for Community Empowerment
6. From 13 to 19 July 2025, participants will be engaged in a series of activities across Sabah and Sarawak, including:
 - leadership training;
 - community projects and regional networking;
 - cross-cultural exchanges; and
 - policy dialogues alongside youth volunteers from ASEAN member states.
7. The expected impact and aspirations of the program for the ASEAN Community are as follow:
 - The establishment of a regional corps of youth volunteers dedicated to serving ASEAN communities;
 - Greater awareness among ASEAN youth on the importance of volunteerism in addressing social issues; and
 - The development of youth volunteers who are ready to serve anytime and anywhere, thereby positioning ASEAN as a future "Volunteerism Hub".
8. The program aims to catalyze the development of a more inclusive, resilient, and humanitarian-driven ASEAN Community, while also strengthening Malaysia's position as an active and progressive regional youth development hub.
9. For further information about the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme 2025, please contact JBSN at 03-8871 3748 or email jbsn@kbs.gov.my.

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