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Halcyon Agri launches an Open Day for Sports for the Disabled in Ipoh

- Open Day to reach out to people with disabilities to engage them in sports
- Joint effort with BSF Asia to seek participants and promote sports for the disabled
- Long-term commitment to support sports for the disabled in countries where we operate

10 February 2019 - Halcyon Agri launch its first Open Day in Ipoh today to reach out to the disabled community and introduce appropriate sports activities to them. This is a joint effort with BSF Asia, known for their work in sports for the disabled across the ASEAN region.

Together with other NGOs in Ipoh and with the support of various government entities such as the Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (Department of Social Welfare) and Belia dan Sukan (Sports and Youth), the objective for the Open Day is to demonstrate that it is possible for the disabled to do sports such as wheelchair rugby and basketball, boccia, and lawn bowling in a safe and supportive environment where disabled youths and adults are treated with dignity and respect. Through sports, the participants have the opportunity to develop new skills and sports talent, develop friendships with like-minded groups and broaden their social network. Participants who register at the Open Day will receive professional training and mentoring through volunteer coaches.

VIPs at the Open Day include YB Wong May Ing, State Wellbeing, Women, Family Development and Social Welfare Committee Chairman & Perak State Exco member; YB Howard Lee, Perak Sports & Youth Development Exco and Robert Meyer, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director at Halcyon Agri.

BSF Asia has been developing sports for the disabled activities since 2009, first in Bali, Indonesia and now in other ASEAN countries such as Vietnam, Timor-Leste and Cambodia. BSF's coaches are all volunteers and includes Paralympian and Special Olympics winners. BSF will work with each participant to identify the type of sports suitable for the individual and help develop the skills needed for the sports.

BSF Asia Founder Rodney Holt commented: "We are delighted to be working with Halcyon on the outreach programme in Ipoh. Sports can do amazing things for people with disabilities. It can help develop confidence and foster inclusivity. Sports can also help people with disabilities build better coordination and muscles and most of all, foster a sense of camaraderie amongst everyone involved, from the coaches, to the participants and to volunteers."

Wang Gee Hock, Deputy Managing Director at Halcyon Agri Malaysia said: "Ipoh is our pilot test for the outreach. The NGOs and government officials in Ipoh are very supportive and have been of tremendous help. We will roll out the programme to the rest of the ASEAN countries where we have a presence. People with disabilities are a marginalised group and may not have realised their full potential. We hope this programme will help nurture any sports talent they may have. We also hope that the initiative will connect the abled community to the disabled community to create a society that is inclusive for everyone."

Halcyon's 2019 Corporate Social Responsibility programme is focused on Sports for the Disabilities and will work with partners such as BSF Asia to develop a series of activities across Southeast Asia particularly in cities where the Group operates. Halcyon is also the title sponsor for the Singapore 4s International Wheelchair Rugby Tournament which will have a series of games in the region with the finals to be played in Singapore.

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