

# WELCOME TO OUR 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

## 9 March 2024

# **Crystal Crown Hotel, Petaling Jaya**

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#### 8 February 2024

#### NOTICE OF THE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Dr. Muhammad Mohan Dear TI-M members,

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Lawrence Chew Seng Chen

SECRETARY-GENERAL

Raymon Ram

PRESIDENT

HON. TREASURER

Geetha Rubasundram

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chew Phye Keat

Nurirdzuana Ismail

Alan Kirupakaran

Eulis Rachmatiah

Nisha Kamilla

Chuah Yean Ping

PAST PRESIDENTS

Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim

Dato' Param Cumaraswamy

Lee Chong San

Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam

Datuk Paul Low

Dato' Sri Akhbar Satar

NOTICE is hereby given for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Malaysian Society for Transparency and Integrity (TI-M) to be held as follows:

Date:9th March 2024 (Saturday)Time:10.00 amVenue:Crystal Crown Hotel, Petaling Jaya

### AGENDA

- 1. President's Welcoming Address
- 2. To confirm the minutes of the preceding 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- 3. Matters arising from the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
- 4. To receive and adopt the Annual Report for Year 2023/2024
  - 5. To receive and adopt the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023
  - 6. Any other business of which fourteen (14) day's prior notice in writing should be given to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Raymon Ram Secretary General Transparency International Malaysia

## Note:

To enable necessary preparations for the 26<sup>th</sup> AGM, please confirm your attendance at the AGM by emailing to ti-malaysia@transparency.org.my and copying justin@transparency.org.my before 1 March 2024
 Please be reminded that Clause 6 (2) of TLM Constitution requires that all are

2) Please be reminded that Clause 6 (2) of TI-M Constitution requires that all annual subscriptions be due on the first day of the financial year, which begins in January 2024



# MINUTES OF 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11 March 2023

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## THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR TRANSPARENCY & INTEGRITY

Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting

Date/Day: 11 March 2023/SaturdayTime: 10.00 amVenue: Crown Hall 3, Level 4, Crystal Crown Petaling Jaya Hotel

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am with a quorum of 32 members, which is more than the minimum number required as per the constitution.

## **1.0** Opening Remarks by the President

- 1.1 The President welcomed all members who were present at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society, also known as Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M).
- **1.2** In his welcoming address, The President requested for all members present to observe a minute of silence and prayer and for Muslims present, to recite Al-Fatihah for TI-M's former President Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim who had passed away recently. The President then presented the organisation's progress report over the past year. Among the highlights were:
- 1.2.1 Corruption Perceptions Index 2022

The President shared the CPI scores from 2020 to 2022, and highlighted that Malaysia's scores continue a downward trajectory mainly due to political instability. TI-M has a big role to play, especially in trying to engage with policy makers and the government of the day. Without institutional reforms and commitment from the government, it is very difficult to turn around the situation.

1.2.2 Membership (Latest for 2023) – Currently we have 77 Individual members and 18 corporate members including 3 new corporate members who joined TI-M in the year 2022. They are UEM Edgenta, BERNAS and Sime Darby Plantation.

- 1.2.3 Funding among the key funds received for 2022.
  - a. Funders:
    - Several funders have contributed to our ongoing projects, with funds actively being utilized as up to December 31st, 2022. Through these project funding grants, we have been able to carry out numerous activities, including investigative journalism training. GIACC (Governance Integrity and Anti-Corruption Centre) has provided financial support for hosting multiple forums and producing a video

on the Corporate Liability provision (Section 17A) of the MACC Act. Additionally, they have agreed to sponsor TI-M's publication of a book (in English and Malay) on combating corruption from a religious perspective.

- b. Funding 2023
  - The International Republican Institute (IRI) has provided us with USD 40,700.64 in funding to implement programs on asset declaration and beneficial ownership, in collaboration with IDEAS. Additionally, we are negotiating funding from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to primarily promote corporate liability awareness, particularly among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Negotiations for this funding are still ongoing.
- 1.2.4 Moving forward Strategic thrusts that TI-M will focus on in future.
  - An Inter-Agency Planning Group (IAPG) has been established by the Ministry of Economy under the Digital Economy and Services sector to conduct a mid-term review of the 12<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Plan. TI-M is actively involved in this group, providing suggestions on improving governance performance within the service sector. Our input is in line with the recommendations we presented during the release of the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) results on 31 January 2023.
- 1.2.5 The collaborative partners that TI-M has been working with are:
  - TI-Secretariat (Berlin)
  - GIACC
  - Rasuah Busters

1.2.6 Upcoming Events in 2023

- This year, we will collaborate with Kingsley Strategy Institute for Asia Pacific (KSI) to host an Anti-Corruption Conference in May or July 2023. We are working to secure the Prime Minister's attendance for this one-day event.
- A comprehensive report examining the oversight framework and independence of anti-corruption efforts across various jurisdictions will be released. Our Executive Committee member Nisha is leading the project which involves collecting data from different jurisdictions to compare their oversight framework reporting mechanisms and the resulting independence. This study is crucial as there is an increasing demand for an independent Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). Our findings will assist the government's law division by providing insight into practices from six different countries.
- In conjunction with the Anti-Corruption Conference, we will launch a book on anti-corruption from a religious perspective. This publication is financed using remaining funds from GIACC. TI-M has obtained approval from JAKIM to include six religious groups' perspectives in the book. While the title has yet to be finalized, we are currently compiling chapters and arranging for

printing. The book will be available in both English and Malay versions and ready for distribution prior to the conference.

- 1.2.7 Strategic Plan
- In 2021 we developed a 10-year strategic plan for TI-M that encompasses six focus areas: protecting the public, safeguarding public resources, curbing the flow of illicit funds, promoting integrity in politics and business, pursuing enforcement and justice, and advocating for digital activism. Our strategic plan consists of short-term, mid-term, and long-term objectives, and will undergo a review every three years. To ensure alignment with international strategic directions, we diligently track, monitor, and evaluate our progress. Updates are regularly provided during meetings to maintain awareness of our accomplishments and areas for improvement. To date, we have achieved 80% of our short-term strategic plan's objectives.

## 2.0 Confirmation of minutes of the preceding 24<sup>th</sup> AGM

**2.1** No amendments were made to the minutes of the 24th AGM. The minutes were accepted and approved.

Proposer: Mr Balakrishnan Rajagopal

Seconder: Mr Chong Mee Fatt

## 3.0 Matters Arising

- **3.1** In reference to Section 3.1 regarding the tax exemption application, the Registrar of Societies (ROS) pointed out that TI-M's status as a non-profit organization is not explicitly stated in the constitution. A resolution to amend the constitution was approved at the 24<sup>th</sup> AGM. Further discussions with LHDN will be required to seek tax exemption status for our movement.
- **3.2** Updates on the proposed amendment to the Whistle blowers Protection Act (WPA) 2010
  - A. Mr Chew Phye Keat informed the members that the legislative agenda in seeking an amendment to WPA 2010 is progressing well. The Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department (BHEUU) will be submitting the amendment for cabinet's approval before the May parliamentary sitting.
  - B. Recently, roundtable discussions were held with stakeholders to identify and agree upon the critical issues requiring amendments to the WPA 2010. These issues have been finalized, and the resulting recommendations, based on a consensus among the working group members who attended the roundtable, have been drafted and prepared as a cabinet paper for approval. The key issues include:
- To remove the proviso in Section 6 which stated that a disclosure may be made to enforcement agencies provided the disclosure is not specifically prohibited by any written law. No written law should be allowed to prevent wrongdoing from being disclosed. Another issue is to liberate civil servants. For example, Section 22 of the Penal Code mentioned that any civil servant who disclosed confidential information

while performing duty is an offence, therefore will not be protected under WPA 2010.

- A whistle blower who reports through the internal whistleblowing channel of the company that he/she belongs to, he/she shall be protected under the WPA even if the disclosure was not made to the listed enforcement agencies.
- The need to have a central body to support the whistle blower, financially and mentally.
- **3.3** Political Funding Act
  - TI-M will continue to work with other like-minded CSOs such as C4, IDEAS and Rasuah Busters to push for the Draft legislation to be tabled in Parliament. TI-M is the member for APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) and we are represented by Alan Kirupakaran.

## **3.4** TI-Policies and SOPs Updates

- Mr Kanakaraja requested the Exco to consider implementing inhouse the following policies and SOPs where appropriate:
  - Anti Bribery & Anti -Corruption Policy
  - Sexual Harassment Policy
  - Risk Assessment & Due Diligence
  - Donation Policy
  - o Gift Policy
  - Conflict of Interest
- **3.5** Mr. Kanakaraja poined out that previously in 2021 there was a debt write- off amounting to RM57,600. He enquired as to how this will be treated when it comes to taxation, and suggested that the treasurer check this with the tax agent.

(Note: The RM57,600 has been recognized as an expense in tax computation in the year 2021)

**3.6** Mr Kanakaraja queried about the variation in the donation of RM6,359 in the accounts and the amount donated by two exco members (Dr. Mohan & Mr Raymon) in the annual report. It was clarified by Dr Mohan that the amount RM 4,100 by Mr Raymon was received in January 2023 and captured in 2023.

(Note: Breakdown of the RM 6,359 donation)

Donation from Dr Muhammad Mohan	RM 250.00
Donation from Alan Kirupakaran	RM 500.00
Donation -Simply Giving Sdn Bhd	RM 484.00
Donation from Dr Muhammad Mohan	RM 5,125.00
Total	RM 6,359.00

**3.7** Mr. Kanakaraja also raised a question on why there is approximately RM30,000 discrepancy between cash flow and grant funding.

Note:

The exact figure of difference between the cash flow and grant funding income is RM 29,998. The grant funding income is recognized as per contractual agreements and performance milestones as compared to the cash flow which is recognized on a receipt or payment basis. This is as per the accounting standards and policies of TI-M which is also reflected in the audited accounts.

## 4.0 Adoption of Annual Report for year 2021

The Secretary-General went through the annual report for members to receive and adopt the report. A brief overview of the report was provided (please refer to the full Annual Report for more details). The key activities were as follows:

- **4.1** TI-M has continuously pushed to spread awareness, advocate for change and institutional reform throughout the year. In 2022, TI-M has released 17 press statements, conducted 5 forums and workshops (mostly online) and facilitated 7 training programs.
- **4.2** Referring to page 6 on the CPI, Malaysia's scores and rank have been falling. In 2021 the score was 48 while in 2022 the score dropped further to 47. This was mainly due to lack of political will in combating grand corruption, patronage in GLC appointments, the COVID-19 stimulus packages roll out without parliamentary debate, governance failures and slow progress on Institutional Reforms.
- **4.3** On page 8, during Malaysia's former Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Abdullah's visit to Transparency International Secretariat in Berlin on September 25, 2022, the minister was briefed on Malaysia's ranking and score on the CPI, the Global Corruption Barometer (GCB), and the Integrity Pact tools. The research team provided an in-depth explanation of the CPI's methodology, data consolidation, and rescaling of various data sources.
- **4.4** As mentioned on page 9, the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (KWAP) visited TI-M's office on December 29, 2022 to discuss potential future partnerships and collaborations.
- **4.5** On page 10, TI-M conducted a series of workshops and roadshows on post Section 17 challenges and establishing adequate procedures across Malaysia, with stops in Penang, Negeri Sembilan, Kedah, Sarawak, and Sabah.
- **4.6** Referring to page 13, a forum on Women Against Corruption, held on February 19, 2022, featured a panel of professionals sharing their experiences addressing corruption issues in Malaysia. The event began with a presentation on the gender impact of corruption.

- **4.7** On page 14, TI-M aims to further promote investigative journalism by organizing workshops to train and expose young journalists in this the field. The next goal is to host a similar event in East Malaysia if we get sufficient participants.
- **4.8** As stated on page 16, TI-M, in partnership with Cyberview Sdn. Bhd., hosted a forum featuring experts in blockchain, data analytics, and data-driven risk detection to emphasize the power of technology in combating bribery and corruption. Attendees included government agencies, GLCs and corporate bodies.
- **4.9** On page 17, TI-M focused on raising awareness about Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing Terrorism, aiming to expand programs and engagement on these topics. An online forum attended by 35 participants was held, discussing the basics of how AMLA works in Malaysia.
- **4.10** As mentioned on page 18, TI-M published a guidance and checklist for adequate procedures, developed through consultations with various industry players and the public sector.
- **4.11** On page 19, TI-M launched eBooks for SMEs in Bahasa Melayu, English, Tamil, and Mandarin. These resources are consistently downloaded from the TI-M website for use by SMEs.
- **4.12** On page 23, TI-M President Dr. Muhammad Mohan and Karen Cheah, President of the Malaysian Bar, were guests on BFM Breakfast Grille discussing "Reverse Anti-Corruption Decline, Rev Up Institutional Reforms" on International Anti-Corruption Day, December 9, 2022.
- **4.13** As mentioned on page 24, TI-M Corporate Member Bank Islam launched their Organisational Anti-Corruption Plan (OACP) to strengthen governance, integrity, and anti-corruption controls.
- **4.14** On page 25, TI-M participated in EPF's Fiesta Integrity 2022 event on November 29 by manning a booth to promote TI-M publications and inform EPF employees about good governance and anti-corruption initiatives. A quiz was administered to educate employees on Section 17A, which establishes corporate liability for corruption committed by employees or associates for the organization's benefit.
- **4.15** Pages 26-30 showcase TI-M's media presence, including newspaper articles featuring statements from the President and other members of the organization.
- **4.16** The annual report on events and activities conducted throughout 2022 indicated that the total funding accumulated amounted to RM 362,605.00. Membership underwent changes as some members left while new members joined. The executive committee members (Dr Muhammad Mohan and Mr Raymon) who received payment for doing work for TI-M in the CIPE project, donated the full amount to the society in 2022 and 2023.
- **4.17** Mr. Kanakaraja inquired about TI-M's implementation of good governance practices to serve as an example for other NGOs. Dr. Mohan explained that TI-M maintains checks and balances, requiring the Treasurer and Secretary-General to approve all

expenditures. Additionally, the President must sign off on awarded contracts. This is to ensure there is proper check and balance as stipulated in the SOP. TI-M follows a standard operating procedure (SOP) to maintain control, and Mr. Raymon emphasized that procurement involves multiple vendors, even for smaller amounts unless it is proprietary.

- **4.18** Mr. Kanakaraja requested the exco on the need to have policy and background checks on funders. Dr. Mohan stated that TI-M has a donation policy as part of MAC's accreditation requirements, as well as an external party complaints procedure.
- **4.19** As there were no more questions, the annual report was proposed to be accepted.

Proposer: Mr Sukumaran Sinnathamby

Seconder: Pn Nuridzuana Ismail

# 5.0 Receive and Adopt the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending December 2022

The Treasurer, Dr Abadan presented the Audited Financial Report.

- **5.1** Mr. Murad Ali Abdullah clarified that the term "plant" used by the auditor is accurate within accounting terminology. Similarly, advertising expenses in accounting include publications and notices, as they are considered advertisements regardless of whether payment was made.
- **5.2** Mr. Kanakaraja inquired about the source of the RM 6,359 donation income. Dr. Abadan explained that the donations came from both Dr. Mohan and Raymon, who donated their speaker fees. Mr. Kanakaraja pointed out inconsistencies between the donation amounts and the audited report. Dr. Mohan clarified that the RM5,125 donation was included in the audit report, while Raymon's donation was received and captured in the accounts only in January 2023. Mr. Kanakaraja also raised a question on why there is approximately RM30,000 discrepancy between cash flow and grant funding, which Dr. Abadan agreed to get clarification from the auditors and accountant.
- **5.3** Mr. Chong Mee Fatt suggested placing funds in fixed deposits (FD) for profit. Dr. Mohan responded that funds associated with ongoing projects cannot be placed in FDs, as contracts stipulate that no funds should be used to earn interest.
- **5.4** Mr. Kanakaraja mentioned that the RM57,600 in bad debts in 2021, asking how it will be treated when it comes to taxation. Dr. Abadan agreed to investigate the matter.
- **5.5** Mr. Ramachandran inquired about fees for companies for corporate membership. Dr. Mohan explained that corporate membership fees depended on a company's paid-up capital. Accepting larger companies as corporate members posed fewer

issues compared to SMEs. He gave an example that some companies may have continuous losses for several years, raising questions about their real purpose of seeking for membership in TI-M. For individual memberships, applicants undergo a thorough review, including a background check by MACC.

- **5.6** Mr. Ong Hock Lai asked about tax exemptions. Dr. Mohan acknowledged that obtaining tax exemptions has been a big challenge and donors do not get tax exemptions.
- **5.7** Mr. Ramachandran proposed for the audited report to be approved.

Proposer: Mr Ramachandran Raman

Seconder: Mr Murad Ali Abdullah

## 6.0 Election of The EXCO Committee Member For 2023-2025

- **6.1** Before elections Dr. Mohan informed the meeting that the approval of the auditors to be appointed would be the responsibility of the next EXCO Committee Members. He expressed gratitude to the EXCO and Secretariat for their support during his tenure as President over the past two years.
- **6.2** Dr. Mohan requested members to propose a chairman to oversee the election process. Mr. Lee Choong San was proposed by Choong Mee Fatt to be the election chairman to lead the election process, along with the assistance of TI-M staff.

Proposer: Mr Choong Mee Fatt

Seconder: Mr Murad Ali Abdullah

- **6.3** Mr. Lee Chong San informed the members that they would need to elect the President, Deputy President, Secretary General, and Treasurer, followed by six additional committee members. Nominations would be taken from the floor, and each nomination would require a proposer, a seconder, and the nominee's agreement to stand for election. He added that if there were any requests for polling, the necessary forms were prepared.
- **6.4** Mr. Lee explained that if the election required a poll per the Constitution, they would have no choice but to proceed with the poll. All the polling papers were ready, which would be distributed as the election process unfolded. He then invited nominations for the position of president.
- **6.5** Majority of members requested a poll be used to conduct the election.

## 6.6 The New EXCO Committee Members (2023-2025)

President:	Dr Muhammad Mohan (Unopposed)
Deputy President:	Mr Lawrence Chew Seng Chen (Unopposed)
Secretary General:	Mr Raymon Ram (Unopposed)
Treasurer:	Ms Geetha Rubasundram (Unopposed)
Exco Members:	Mr Alan Kirupakaran
	Mr Chew Phye Keat
	Ms Eulis Rachmatiah
	Ms Nisha Kamilla
	Ms Nurirdzuana Ismail
	Ms Chuah Yean Ping

## 7.0 Resolution to re-appoint Mustapha Raj

7.1 The new president Dr Mohan recommended to the AGM that the current auditor Mustapha Raj is re-appointed as the auditor for the year 2023. The AGM approved the recommendation.

Proposer: Mr Murad Ali Abdullah

Seconder: Mr Sukumaran Sinnathamby

### 8.0 Closure

**8.1** The meeting ended at 12.15 pm. Closure of the 25th AGM was proposed by Mr Murad Ali Abdullah, and seconded by Mr Balakrishnan Rajagopal.

Checked by:	Approved by:
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Mr Raymon Ram	Dr Muhammad Mohan
Secretary-General	President

Recorded by: Rosnazlina RosaliDate: 11 March 2023

# THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR TRANSPARENCY & INTEGRITY 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Attendance List (11 March 2023)

## **Individual Members**

- 1. Alan Kirupakaran
- 2. Balakrishnan Rajagopal
- 3. Balbeer Singh
- 4. Chew Phye Keat
- 5. Chew Seng Chen (Lawrence)
- 6. Chong Mee Fatt
- 7. Dorai Balasundram
- 8. Dr Abadan Jasmon
- 9. Dr Aravindan
- 10. Dr Muhammad Mohan
- 11. Eulis Rachmatiah
- 12. Geetha Rubasundram
- 13. Kanakaraja Muthusamy
- 14. Lawrence Chew Seng Chen
- 15. Lee Chong San

### **Corporate Members**

- 1. ABAC Center of Excellence
- 2. Sime Darby Holdings Berhad
- 3. Top Glove Sdn Bhd
- 4. Koperasi Kakitangan Bank Rakyat Berhad
- 5. Employees Provident Fund
- 6. Pengurusan Air Selangor
- 7. Telekom Malaysia Berhad
- 8. UDA Holdings Berhad
- 9. Veritas Architects Sdn Bhd
- 10. Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad
- 11. UEM Edgenta Berhad
- 12. Sime Darby Plantation Berhad

### In Attendance – TI Malaysia Secretariat

- 1. Rosnazlina Rosali
- 2. Justin Bryann Jarret

- 16. Mohd Rezaidi Ishak
- 17. Muhamad Nazri bin Shaidon
- 18. Murad Ali Abdullah
- 19. Nisha Kamilla
- 20. Norliza Ismail
- 21. Nurirdzuana Ismail
- 22. Ong Hock Lai
- 23. Puvaneswaran Tangavaloo
- 24. Ramachandran Raman
- 25. Raymon Ram
- 26. Sukumaran Sinnathamby
- 27. Vaneesa Veerappan
- 28. Vickram Ragunath
- 29. Intan Nabilaa
- 30. Zaim Mohzani

## **Represented by**

Nor Hidaya Abdul Aziz

Chuah Yean Ping

- Eva Vinoni Mustafa
- Nor Elina Abd Ghani
- Norliza Ismail
- Thavendran Loganathan
- Sharifah Mohd Yunos

Zamanhuri Ahmad Norilah

Jordan Tan

Nadia Hanim Mohd Tajuddin

Noor Hurairah Md Yatim

Hasliza Arshad



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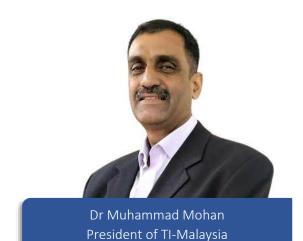
# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, I am proud to present to you our Annual Report for 2023 and I want to first thank all our members for your continued support to carry out our movement's advocacy work and other outreach programmes. If you recall last year when the 2022 Corruption Perception Index scores were announced it gave a gloomy picture on where the country was heading in its fight against corruption with Malaysia's score continuing to deteriorate. The Madani government came to power in late 2022 and the leadership announced that good governance, democratic accountability, transparency and fighting corruption will be a priority besides reviving the economy.

For the year 2023 the CPI scores rebounded to 50 points from 47 in 2022 and Malaysia's ranking rose from 61 in 2022 to 57 in 2023. The Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim has set a vision for the country to achieve a ranking of 25 in the global Corruption Perception Index by 2033. To realise this dream, Malaysia's score needs to consistently increase by 2 points every year for the next 10 years. To hit this target the government needs to have a clear strategy and be bold to ensure full implementation of reforms even if some of these reforms may hurt some of the coalition partners.

TI-Malaysia is a member of two APPGs (All Party Parliamentary Group) and the following key legislative and institutional reforms were demanded from the government:

- I. Amendment to the Whistle Blower Protection Act 2010
- II. Amendment to the MACC Act 2009 to make the agency independent.
- III. Amendment to the Judicial Appointment Commission Act 2009.
- IV. Formulate Political Financing Act
- V. Formulate Public Procurement Act
- VI. Separate the Power between the Attorney General and Public Prosecutor.



- VII. Parliamentary Reforms and table the Parliamentary Reforms Act.
- VIII. Full implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP).

But as of today, none of the 8 demands have been fulfilled and this could put further downward pressure on the CPI scores in year 2024. To complicate further, controversial decisions on several high-profile court cases and the recent decision by the pardons board on the former prime minister may influence 2024 results.

However, for the record for the past 14 months since coming to power the Madani government has pushed for 34 bills to be tabled and approved in parliament. Among the two of interest to our movement are as follows:

- I. Public Finance and Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2023
- II. The Companies Act (Amendment) Bill 2023

The Public Finance and Fiscal Responsibility Bill 2023 aims to make provisions for the government's responsibility, accountability, governance, and transparency in managing public finances and fiscal risk, particularly in relation to revenue, expenditure, loans and debt; reporting annual budget documents and other document publications; and to provide for other related matters.

The amendments to the Companies Act is about inserting a provision on Beneficial Ownership where companies will now have to keep a register on the ultimate beneficial owners and declare who owns or have ultimate control over the company. TI-Malaysia has been engaging with the government through SSM (Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia) since 2019 to incorporate this provision and we are pleased that this has been successful. In 2023 TI-Malaysia has been actively doing road shows in different constituencies to explain and convince the MPs to support this amendment in parliament. More programmes are lined up for companies, CSOs and journalist in 2024 to educate them further on Beneficial Ownership.

Other programmes conducted were related to political financing, asset declaration, corporate liability and youth integrity forums. Funding for these programs were from UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime) and IRI (International Republican Institute).

A new area that TI-Malaysia has embarked on is called 'Collective Actions' where TI-Malaysia provides support to local councils that aims to identify and implement effective solutions to enhance the integrity of infrastructure and public services. This is a community-driven approach to development, known as CIB (Community Integrity Building), which has proven to be successful and effective in improving the quality of public programs, development projects, and services, ultimately enhancing the lives of the residents. The findings from our initial assessments are promising, indicating the potential for significant positive outcomes. Pilot projects

Best Wishes,

Dr Muhammad Mohan President Transparency International Malaysia

have been initiated in Dungun and Marang in the state of Terengganu. The Terengganu state government funded this project.

Following two years of work TI-Malaysia finally produced a book entitled "The Sin of Corruption - A Religious Perspective". The book is a compilation of research work done by religious experts from six major religions; Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism. All chapters were edited by the respective religious experts. This book is not about comparative religion but purely a religious discussion that provides a unique perspective on the problem of corruption and its impact on society, drawing on the moral and ethical teachings of various religious traditions and teachings. It is a highly recommended reading for politicians, policy makers, scholars, rulers, religious leaders, students and anyone interested in promoting ethical values and combating corruption. It is our hope that the message in this book will be inculcated in the soul of anyone who reads it. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to thank all the researchers, editors, Director General of JAKIM (Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia), the MCCBCHST President of (Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism) and the book production team from TI-Malaysia. We also want to express our gratitude to our former president Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam who mooted this idea to produce a book to combat corruption based on all major religions which share a common belief that corruption is a sin, a transgression against the Divine Will, and a violation of the basic principles of justice and fairness.

# **INTRODUCTION**

In a world where corruption continues to erode the very foundations of trust and integrity within our societies, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-Malaysia) stands firm as a beacon of hope and resilience. Throughout 2023, our punctuated journey was by significant milestones, strategic collaborations, and impactful initiatives that collectively advanced our mission while reinforcing our commitment to fostering a transparent, accountable, and corruption-free Malaysia.

Our global engagement, spearheaded by Dr. Muhammad Mohan, President of TI-Malaysia, was notably highlighted through our participation in pivotal forums in Seoul, South Korea. These platforms, including the TI-Asia Pacific Chapters' Meeting and the 2nd Summit for Democracy, were instrumental in showcasing our advocacy efforts, particularly in combating corruption from a religious perspective, emphasizing the crucial role of civil society in promoting good governance, and advocating for legislative reforms in areas critical to our mission, such as anti-money laundering and beneficial ownership.

On the domestic front, our commitment to stakeholder engagement took various forms, from hosting distinguished figures like Mr. Choo Yi Kang of Transparency International Defence & Security to engaging in meaningful exchanges with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Transparency International United Kingdom. These interactions not only deepened our understanding but also significantly amplified our voice in the international arena against corruption.

The year 2023 also marked a period of empowering local communities through workshops on political financing, asset beneficial declaration, and ownership. Conducted in partnership with IDEAS and with support from the International Republican Institute (IRI), these sessions were strategically



Raymon Ram Secretary-General of TI-Malaysia

held across various constituencies, underscoring our dedication to bringing legislative reforms to the grassroots level.

Our unwavering commitment to enhancing corporate integrity was demonstrated through our training sessions on "Decoding Section 17A: Impacts and Insights on Corporate Liability," in collaboration with UNODC. These initiatives aimed to fortify the corporate sector's defences against corruption, highlighting our proactive approach to corporate accountability.

Furthermore, our advocacy for institutional and legislative reforms remained a steadfast focus, as evidenced by our engagements with YDP Dewan Negara and Tan Sri Dato Sri Dr Wan Junaidi. These discussions were cantered on advocating for essential changes to strengthen Malaysia's legal and institutional framework against corruption.

The development and promotion of innovative tools by TI-Malaysia have significantly contributed to assisting our stakeholders at large. These tools, designed to enhance transparency and facilitate the detection of corruption, have been widely adopted by both the public and private sectors. Their utilization underscores the effectiveness of our strategies and the trust placed in TI-Malaysia as a leader in promoting transparency.

Looking ahead, our strategy will continue to focus on mitigating the risks of corruption in both the public and private sectors. We are committed to tackling the flow of dirty money by playing a pivotal role in promotion, awareness, and advocacy. This approach is designed to further strengthen our defences against corruption in Malaysia, ensuring a comprehensive and robust response to this pervasive challenge.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2023, we are mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. Yet, our past achievements inspire us to continue our fight against corruption with renewed vigor and determination. The journey toward a more transparent and accountable Malaysia is fraught with challenges, but with the unwavering support of our stakeholders, partners, and the community, we are confident in our collective ability to effect lasting change.

As we embark on this journey into the future, our strategic focus will remain on enhancing our advocacy, deepening our engagements, and expanding our impact both locally and internationally. Together, we are committed to building a corruption-free society where integrity, transparency, and accountability form the very pillars of our nation.

Raymon Ram Secretary General Transparency International Malaysia

# TI-MALAYSIA IN 2023



**12** Press statements

**15** Forums/Workshops/Webinars





**9** Trainings

Social Media Followers



**4700** followers



**1182** followers



**529** followers



**321** followers

# **CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2023**

On January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) hosted the release of the Corruption Perceptions Index 2023 (CPI 2023) at the Tropicana Golf & Country Resort.

Present at the event were TI-M members, guests from various embassies, members of the media, and representatives from other non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

This year TI-M was pleased to announce that Malaysia's score had risen from 47 in the 2022 index to 50 in the 2023 index. Attendees were surprised to learn that there was a significant increase in Malaysia's score.

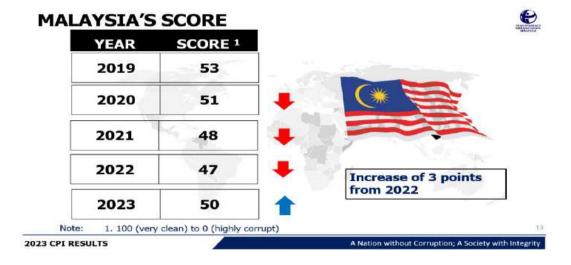
Malaysia's ranking in the CPI also rebounded from 61 in 2022 to 57 in 2023 among the 180 countries surveyed. When presenting the score, Dr Muhammad Mohan mentioned that the government must be cognizant that although our score has improved for 2023, a lot more has to be done to ensure that year by year we improve our score to meet the Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim's vision for Malaysia to be ranked among the top 25 countries in the CPI by 2033.

Several possible reasons for the rebound were highlighted which included the role of the MACC and the AG's Chambers in charging two former Prime Ministers, the conviction of a former Prime Minister in the SRC International corruption case, as well as the smooth transition of power after the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> general election among others.

Once again, TI-M provided a comprehensive list of recommendations to improve Malaysia's CPI score. Among the recommendations were such as accelerating institutional reforms that were promised, having the political will in fighting institutional corruption, improving governance in the public administration through reform, expediting legislative reforms, and strengthening the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

TI-M also highlighted several positives, shortcomings and worrying trends. Credit was given where credit was due and TI-M focused on where things could go wrong if not addressed immediately.

Our president, Dr Mohan made it clear that for Malaysia to show continuous improvement in the CPI scores and achieve the vision set by the Prime Minister, the Madani government should accelerate institutional and legislative reforms as they are currently in a stable political environment and have a working majority in parliament. TI-M hopes this opportunity will not be wasted.



# **KEY EVENTS**

## DR. MUHAMMAD MOHAN ATTENDS TWO EVENTS IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA OCR MEETING FOR TI-ASIA PACIFIC & 2ND SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY



TI Chapters' Participation in the 2nd Summit for

Dr Muhammad Mohan, President of Transparency International Malaysia, attended two events in Seoul, South Korea, in March 2023. The first event was the TI- Asia Pacific Chapters' Meeting under the theme "Combatting Corruption in the Asia Pacific". TI-Malaysia presented their progress on the 10-year strategic plan and their upcoming book, "The Sin of Corruption: A Religious Perspective". A panel discussion was held on civil society organisations (CSOs) role in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance against corruption.

TI-Malaysia also participated in the 2nd Summit for Democracy, attended by various stakeholders, including representatives from Malaysian civil society organisations. The summit consisted of four sessions on International Cooperation for Anti-Corruption, Non-Governmental Stakeholders in Anti-Corruption, Technology and Anti-Corruption, and Financial Transparency and Integrity. Most speakers referenced the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) in all four sessions. Although the CPI remains the perception of



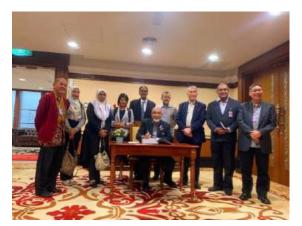
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corruption in the public sector, it is still the widely used measure of corruption by everyone.

The key takeaway for TI-Malaysia will be in two areas highlighted in the four sessions of the summit: Anti-Money Laundering and Beneficial Ownership. TI-Malaysia found these areas significant and recommended that they be incorporated into our strategic plan for the next three years. TI-Malaysia also saw an opportunity to push for an act that would make it mandatory for companies to declare the ultimate beneficial ownership. Countries that have adopted a law on beneficial ownership include the British Virgin Islands, Croatia, France, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Italy, and Ireland, among others.

Overall, TI-Malaysia found the events in Seoul informative and insightful, allowing them to gain more knowledge about various anticorruption initiatives, especially in Asia. The events also provided an opportunity for TI-Malaysia to showcase the work we have done and receive feedback from other stakeholders.

## TI-MALAYSIA ADVOCATES FOR INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE REFORMS ENGAGING WITH YDP DEWAN NEGARA



Dr. Mohan, CSOs and Tan Sri Wan Junaidi

TI-Malaysia and other CSOs met with YDP Dewan Negara, Tan Sri Dato Sri Dr Wan Junaidi to advocate for crucial institutional and legislative reforms. During the engaging session, TI-Malaysia and several civil society organisations (CSOs) presented eight key demands for institutional and legislative reforms. The meeting was to provide YDP Dewan Negara with a comprehensive understanding of these demands and to seek his support in accelerating the necessary reforms.

The first demand discussed was the amendment of the Whistleblower Protection Act. TI-Malaysia emphasised the importance of strengthening existing laws to provide robust protection for individuals who expose Enhancing whistleblower wrongdoings. protection would create a conducive environment for reporting corruption and foster a culture of transparency and accountability.

The second priority demand focused on comprehensive reforms within the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). TI-Malaysia highlighted the urgent need to enhance MACC's effectiveness, independence, and capabilities in its fight against corruption. Strengthening the MACC would bolster public confidence. A crucial aspect of the discussion centred on the separation of powers between the Attorney General (AG) and the Public Prosecutor. TI-Malaysia emphasised the importance of maintaining the justice system's integrity by clearly defining and upholding the separation of powers. This separation ensures impartiality and upholds the principles of justice and fairness.



Engaging Discussions on Institutional and Legislative Reforms with Tan Sri Wan Junaidi

Political financing was another significant area of concern. TI-Malaysia stressed the need for a robust and transparent political financing framework to prevent illicit practices, promote accountability, and safeguard the integrity of the democratic process. A comprehensive Political Financing Act would regulate financing, political campaign disclose strengthen donations, and oversight mechanisms.

In addition to the four priority demands, TI-Malaysia highlighted the importance of advancing reforms in other key areas. These included enhancing the Procurement Act to ensure transparency, fairness, and competitiveness in government procurement processes. Strengthening the autonomy and of parliamentary services effectiveness through the Parliamentary Services Act was also emphasised. Furthermore, TI-Malaysia advocated for the full implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) to address corruption risks, improve governance

structures, and promote integrity across all sectors of society.

TI-Malaysia conveyed these demands with clarity and conviction, emphasising the urgent need for comprehensive reforms to build a more transparent and accountable nation. TI-M and other CSOs sought the support of YDP Dewan Negara, Tan Sri Dato Sri Dr Wan Junaidi, in championing these reforms and influencing the government to expedite their implementation.

The meeting with YDP Dewan Negara was a significant step towards advocating for

institutional and legislative reforms in Malaysia. TI-Malaysia remains committed to its mission of combating corruption and promoting good governance. Through ongoing advocacy efforts and collaborations with key stakeholders, TI-Malaysia strives to foster a society that upholds the values of transparency, integrity, and accountability. The organisation appreciates YDP Dewan Negara's willingness to address these crucial issues and looks forward to a continued partnership in building a corruption-free Malaysia.

## VISIT BY ACA UZBEKISTAN TO FOSTER ANTI-CORRUPTION COOPERATION UZBEKISTAN SHOWS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING NATION'S CPI SCORE



Raymon Ram presented Malaysian anti-corruption efforts to the visitors

On 12th July 2023 - Transparency International Malaysia (TI-Malaysia) had the honour of welcoming a delegation from the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) of Uzbekistan, accompanied by officials from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), for a fruitful courtesy visit at TI-Malaysia's office. The delegation from ACA Uzbekistan embarked on this working trip to exchange knowledge, experiences, and best practices in the ongoing fight against corruption.

The visit commenced with a warm reception and introductory remarks from the Secretary General of TI-Malaysia Raymon Ram, emphasising the importance of international collaboration in combating corruption and the shared commitment towards transparency, integrity, and good governance. The ACA Uzbekistan delegation expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with TI-Malaysia, highlighting their eagerness to learn from Malaysia's experience and explore avenues for enhanced cooperation.

During the interactive session, TI-Malaysia had the opportunity to share valuable insights and information on key topics related to anticorruption efforts in Malaysia. One of the key areas of the discussion centred around the active involvement of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in fighting corruption. TI-Malaysia highlighted the crucial role played by NGOs in promoting transparency, advocating for ethical practices, and mobilising public support for anti-corruption initiatives.

Another important aspect discussed was the Corruption Perception Index (CPI), a widely recognised measure of corruption levels worldwide. TI-Malaysia provided an overview of Malaysia's CPI ranking and shared the strategies employed to improve the country's standing. The ACA Uzbekistan delegation expressed interest in understanding the methodologies and factors contributing to the CPI assessment.

Furthermore, the meeting served as a platform to discuss the engagement between anticorruption authorities and relevant government ministries, departments, and agencies. TI-Malaysia shared valuable insights on establishing effective communication fostering coordination, channels, and maximising synergies among stakeholders in the anti-corruption ecosystem. The ACA Uzbekistan delegation expressed their appreciation for the comprehensive knowledge sharing, which they believed would significantly contribute to their ongoing efforts to combat corruption in Uzbekistan.

The visit concluded positively, with both parties exchanging tokens of appreciation, symbolising the strengthened partnership and commitment to continued cooperation in the fight against corruption. The ACA Uzbekistan delegation expressed their gratitude for the warm hospitality extended by TI-Malaysia and commended the organisation's dedication and expertise in promoting transparency and integrity.

TI-Malaysia is proud to have facilitated this meaningful exchange and looks forward to further collaborations with ACA Uzbekistan and other international counterparts to create a world free from corruption. Through such engagements, TI-Malaysia continues contributing to the global fight against corruption, striving for a more transparent, accountable, and just society.



Raymon Ram & ACA Uzbekistan exchange tokens of appreciation

## TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA HOSTS COURTESY VISIT FROM TI-UK (DEFENCE & SECURITY- MR CHOO YI KANG) FIRST EVER VISIT TO TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA

Transparency International Malaysia had the privilege of hosting Mr. Choo Yi Kang of Transparency International Defence & Security (UK). The discourse centred around the organisation's commitment in fostering accountability, integrity, and ethical practices within the defence sector, thereby contributing to the global efforts in promoting transparency and combating corruption.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and introduction, setting the stage for Mr. Choo's engaging presentation. TI-Malaysia's Secretariat and President of TI-Malaysia, Dr Muhammad Mohan, had the opportunity to delve into the impactful work of Transparency



Mr Choo Yi Kang and Dr Muhammad Mohan

International Defence & Security, explicitly focusing on their commendable efforts in defence offsets.

Mr Choo's presentation provided а comprehensive overview of the challenges and advancements in the defence and security sectors. His expertise illuminated the critical role of Transparency International in promoting transparency and accountability, especially in defence offsets. Defence offsets are measures governments impose on foreign defence contractors to balance the economic impact of significant defence procurements. They involve investments or technology transfers, ensuring that defence acquisitions contribute positively to both national security and the economic development of the procuring country.

The subsequent Q&A session facilitated a dynamic exchange of ideas, allowing attendees to explore the topics' nuances further. It was a valuable opportunity for TI-Malaysia to gain deeper insights and clarification directly from an expert in the field.

The meeting concluded with a networking session and refreshments, fostering a sense of camaraderie among attendees. It provided a platform for meaningful discussions and the opportunity to build connections within our community.

## TI- MALAYSIA HOSTED A COURTESY VISIT BY UNODC HEAD (BANGKOK) INAUGURAL VISIT BY UNODC TO OUR OFFICE



Dr Muhammad Mohan and Ms. Annika Wythes

We were thrilled to receive the visit to our office on September 19, 2023, by Ms Annika Wythes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The visit marked a significant opportunity for both parties to engage in meaningful discussions and forge stronger ties between UNODC and Transparency International Malaysia.

During Ms Annika's visit, Dr Muhammad Mohan, the President of Transparency International Malaysia, had the honour of presenting the organisation's initiatives and efforts and its ongoing and future initiatives. Dr. Muhammad Mohan provided valuable insights into the multifaceted work of TI-Malaysia, emphasising its commitment to promoting transparency, integrity, and accountability in various sectors of society.

Dr Muhammad Mohan showcased the initiatives undertaken by TI-Malaysia, highlighting the organisation's role in fostering a culture of transparency and combating corruption. From advocating for ethical business practices to working closely with governmental bodies, TI-Malaysia has been at the forefront of the fight against corruption, contributing significantly to the nation's integrity landscape.

Furthermore, Dr Muhammad Mohan outlined TI-Malaysia's plans, which include expanding outreach programs, engaging with local communities, and collaborating with international organisations to strengthen the global fight against corruption. The president expressed his gratitude for the continuous stakeholder support and emphasised the need for collaborative efforts to build a more transparent and accountable society.

Ms Annika, in turn, shared insights into the work of UNODC, highlighting the organisation's

global initiatives to address issues related to drugs and crime. She admired TI-Malaysia's dedication to promoting transparency and its pivotal role in the national integrity framework.

This visit not only strengthened the bond between UNODC and TI-Malaysia but also

underscored the importance of international collaboration in addressing the complex challenges of our time. We look forward to the positive outcomes that will emerge from this partnership and the collective efforts of TI-Malaysia and UNODC to create a more transparent and accountable world.

## TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL-MALAYSIA AND TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM (DEFENCE & SECURITY) EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON FIGHTING CORRUPTION



Zoom Meeting with TI-UK (clockwise from left) Dr Muhammad Mohan, Mr Duncan Hames, Aliff Asyraf, Ms Eulis Rachmatiah, Mr Choo Yi Kang

In global governance and efforts to combat corruption, the recent exchange of insights between Transparency International Malaysia and TI-UK emerged as pivotal. The discussion held via Microsoft Teams on October 18, 2023, brought together key figures from both nations to discuss anti-corruption strategies, challenges, and potential collaborative avenues.

The session commenced with Mr Duncan Hames, former Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom and now a Director of Policy at Transparency International UK, emphasising the critical role of keeping Transparency International chapters informed with the essence of collaboration and shared knowledge, essential elements in the collective fight against corruption on a global scale.

One of the central themes of the discussion revolved around developing and implementing

anti-corruption strategies. Insights from the UK shed light on the multifaceted nature of this challenge. Transparency was acknowledged as a cornerstone, with the Political Parties, Elections, and Referenda Act 2000 highlighted as a significant legislative milestone. With its accompanying explanatory notes, the Act has brought about a commendable degree of transparency in political funding—a crucial aspect of anti-corruption measures.

However, the discourse ventured beyond mere transparency, delving into the equally vital realms of accountability and controls. Duncan Hames underscored the need for robust mechanisms to address corruption risks While powerful effectively. а tool, transparency was deemed sufficient with the necessary enforcement measures. This insight is invaluable, emphasising the complexity of the fight against corruption and the importance of a holistic approach.

The Political Parties, Elections, and Referenda Act 2000 was a critical legislative instrument discussed. This legislation, serving as a linchpin in regulating political spending and fundraising in the UK, emphasises the importance of transparency in political activities. The Act's significance lies in its mandates and the broader context of shaping a political landscape characterised by openness and accountability. A nuanced discussion unfolded around funding channels, revealing that political funding in the UK predominantly flows through the central offices of political parties. The strategic distribution and management of these funds by national party hierarchies underscore the intricate relationship between financial resources and electoral processes. This insight highlights the complex dynamics in managing political finances and navigating corruption risks. In essence, the debriefing session serves as a beacon of cooperation, transcending national boundaries in the pursuit of transparency, accountability, and eradicating corruption.

## TI-MALAYSIA'S VISIT TO THE NATIONAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AND MALAYSIA'S FUTURE



Dr Muhammad Mohan and Mr Raymon Ram with as YBhg. Datuk Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi

Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) was honoured to have been invited to Jabatan Audit Negara, attended by Dr Muhammad Mohan, the President of Transparency International Malaysia, and Raymon Ram, the Secretary-General of Transparency.

International Malaysia. The occasion was momentous between TI-M and Jabatan Audit Negara, and it was privileged to have the Auditor General of Malaysia YBhg. Datuk Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi presents the Auditor-General's Report of 2022 to Transparency International Malaysia.

The presence of Dr. Muhammad Mohan and Raymon Ram underscored TI-M's dedication to advancing transparency and integrity within the Malaysian context. The Auditor-General's Report of 2022, shared by YBhg. Datuk Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi was a critical document evaluating public sector management's efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity.

## TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW WORKSHOP 2023 A COLLECTIVE STEP TOWARDS A MORE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE FUTURE.



Transparency International Malaysia's Secretariat & Executive Committee

Transparency International Malaysia had organised a Strategic Plan Review Workshop from November 17th to 19th, 2023. The event brought together TI-Malaysia's Executive committee to reflect and revisit past achievements and strategies for the future and strengthen the organisation's commitment towards transparency and anti-corruption efforts. The strategic meeting spanned over three days, featuring sessions that ranged from contextualising the current strategic landscape to prioritising key initiatives and developing a comprehensive implementation timeline. Subject Matter Expert sessions brought diverse perspectives, covering topics from Collective Action in Dungun and Marang to the implications of emerging carbon markets in Malaysia.

Amidst strategic discussions, participants engaged in team-building activities, fostering connections and camaraderie. The workshop concluded with a commitment to the finalised strategic plan, symbolising a collective step towards a more transparent and accountable future.

# **TRAINING COURSES**

## TI-MALAYSIA HELD A 'BENGKEL PENDANAAN POLITIK PERINGKAT NEGERI' JOINTLY WITH IDEAS AT THE INDERA MAHKOTA CONSTITUENCY & MUAR CONSTITUENCY

BRINGING POLITICAL FINANCING, ASSET DECLARATION AND BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TO THE GRASSROOTS



Organisers and Participants of the Bengkel Pendanaan Politik Peringkat Negeri - Indera Mahkota, Pahang

TI-Malaysia, together with IDEAS and with support from the International Republican Institute (IRI), organised our first workshop on political financing in Indera Mahkota, Pahang. The locations for this series of workshops were chosen based on the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) members' represented constituencies.

The workshop was designed to provide information on Political Financing along with Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership to the average layperson. We considered people who have been involved heavily in these topics (Political Financing, Asset Declaration, and Beneficial Ownership) and people who have never even heard of these topics before.

YB Dato Sri Saifuddin Bin Abdullah was present to officiate the workshop in his constituency. YB Dato Sri Saifuddin also stayed throughout the workshop and gave his insight on the topics discussed throughout the workshop. Transparency International Malaysia was responsible for the Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership portion of this workshop. We invited Mohamad bin Hussain of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to speak on the Asset Declaration. A representative from the MACC was chosen as MACC has prior experience in Asset Declaration in Malaysia and was responsible for the data of Members of Parliament who previously declared their assets. This information is no longer available to the public, but there have been efforts to make this data accessible to the public once again.



Organisers and Participants of the Bengkel Pendanaan Politik Peringkat Negeri – Muar, Johor

For Beneficial Ownership, TI-M invited Khairani M. Yusof of the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) to speak on Beneficial Ownership. CCM produced a guideline on Beneficial Ownership titled "Guideline for the Reporting Framework for Beneficial Ownership of Legal Persons", which came into force on the 1st of March 2020.

As mentioned, this workshop was the first in our series of five workshops throughout Malaysia. The second workshop was held in Muar, Johor. We conducted further training on the importance of Political Financing in Malaysia and hope this collaboration with members of the APPG will lead to passing laws on Political Financing in this country.

During the workshop, we invited Mohd Fauzi bin Shadollah from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to speak on Asset Declaration and Ravinderjit Kaur from the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) on Beneficial Ownership. The two sessions were moderated by Eulis Rachmatiah Iskandar exco member from Transparency International Malaysia.

The workshop concluded with a Q&A panel session, where Eulis Rachmatiah asked each speaker a question before opening the floor for questions from the participants. During this session, YB Syed Saddiq posed some questions to both speakers from CCM and MACC, leading to a lively exchange with participants asking further questions on the topic.

We were able to successfully accommodate the 39 participants and conduct the workshop as planned. The participants represented a diverse group of individuals from various backgrounds and sectors, and we were able to achieve our goal of reaching out to a wider audience.

Overall, we were satisfied with the outcome of the workshop, and the increased number of participants is a positive development. We hope to continue to attract a diverse group of participants in our future workshops and events.

TI-M and IDEAS will continue to invite a diverse group of participants from across the political divide to participate in these workshops. We succeeded in having a diverse range of participants for our workshop in Muar, Johor, ranging from members of several political parties and youth groups as well as business owners.

## TI-MALAYSIA HELD A 'BENGKEL PENDANAAN POLITIK PERINGKAT NEGERI JOINTLY WITH IDEAS AT THE TUARAN CONSTITUENCY AND SUBANG CONSTITUENCY

BRINGING POLITICAL FINANCING, ASSET DECLARATION AND BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TO THE GRASSROOTS



Ravinderjit Kaur from SSM spoke on Beneficial Ownership

From May to June, two workshops on Political Financing were successfully held at Tuaran and Subang constituencies organised by Transparency International Malaysia (TI-Malaysia) together with the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) with support from the International Republican Institute (IRI). The workshop was designed to provide information on Political Financing along with Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership to the average layperson.

For the workshop in Tuaran, we invited Alexander S. Kunghi of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to speak on Asset Declaration and Ravinderjit Kaur of the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) to speak on Beneficial Ownership. These two sessions on Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership, respectively, in tandem with the session on Political Financing, promote greater transparency and understanding on the importance of legislative reforms in Malaysia.

Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau was also invited and came to the workshop in Tuaran to garner more public support for political financing and to increase the involvement of Members of Parliament in such engagements. From the workshop in Tuaran, TI-Malaysia learned that there is much interest in anticorruption issues in Sabah. Topics such as Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership are still very new. More education on the need for legislation on these topics must be done. The challenges faced by Sabahans regarding



Alexander S. Kunghi spoke on Asset Declaration

corruption are known factors. The people here would like to see more done to end corruption concerning arrests and convictions before they see the need for preventive measures such as Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership. TI-Malaysia will continue highlighting the importance of Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership in fighting corruption in Malaysia in a way that all citizens can understand.

The fourth workshop was held at the Subang constituency. We invited Hong Chin Chin of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to speak on Asset Declaration and Ravinderjit Kaur from the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) to speak on Beneficial Ownership. Our speakers were invited to provide knowledge on Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership clearly and concisely.

From the Subang workshop, TI-Malaysia found that people still need to be made aware that

MACC is merely the custodian for the information on Asset Declaration for members of parliament and has no power to enforce laws to ensure members of parliament declare their assets. There is still a need for legislation on Asset Declaration for members of parliament. As for Beneficial Ownership, we found that most participants needed more knowledge on

this, and we were glad to share with them the work CCM had done to develop this area in Malaysia. CCM is also happy to provide public awareness talks on their work on Beneficial Ownership. Knowledge of this subject matter is the first step in having more people support laws to strengthen the declaration of Beneficial Ownership in Malaysia.

## TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA (TI-MALAYSIA) SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS CORPORATE LIABILITY TRAINING IN COLLABORATION WITH UNODC

Transparency International Malaysia (TI-Malaysia) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) together organised a highly successful half-day training session on "Decoding Section 17A: Impacts and Insights on Corporate Liability." The trainingwas held at the Royale Chulan Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, showcasing a fruitful collaboration between the two organisations.

The training aimed to enhance participants' understanding of Section 17A and its implications. As part of the training, TI-Malaysia designed pre and post-test questionnaires to assess participants' knowledge before and after the training, providing valuable insights into the session's effectiveness.



Opening remarks by Dr Muhammad Mohan

The event commenced with the opening remarks by Dr. Muhammad Mohan, President of Transparency International Malaysia (TI- Malaysia), who provided an overview of the topic and set the stage for the training. Following the opening remarks, Chuah Yean Ping and Nurirdzuana Ismail, distinguished members of TI-Malaysia's Exco, took to the floor as speakers for the training session.



Chuah Yean Ping spoke on Corporate Liability

Chuah Yean Ping led the first part of the training session, sharing her extensive experience in the subject matter. Participants were encouraged to engage actively by raising questions, to which both Chuah Yean Ping and Nurirdzuana Ismail provided brilliant and comprehensive responses, ensuring a dynamic and enriching learning environment.



Nurirdzuana Ismail engaging with participants

During the second part of the training session, Nurirdzuana Ismail shared her expertise, delving further into the intricacies of corporate liability under Section 17A. The participants had the opportunity to gain deeper insights into the topic and pose questions to clarify any doubts.

The success of the training event would not have been possible without the active participation and enthusiasm of the attendees, as well as the insightful contributions of the esteemed speakers, Chuah Yean Ping and Nurirdzuana Ismail. Transparency International Malaysia (TI-Malaysia) thanks all participants, speakers, and partners for their valuable contributions.

## TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA AND IDEAS MALAYSIA COLLABORATE FOR A POLITICAL FINANCING WORKSHOP IN MELAKA



From The Left: Ravinderjit Kaur, Eulis Rachmatiah and Muhammad Aiman Lingen

In a testament to collaborative efforts, IDEAS and Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) successfully hosted the Political Financing Workshop in Melaka. Held on October 14, 2023, at the AMES Hotel in Ayer Keroh, Melaka, the event marked a significant milestone in advancing discussions on comprehensive political financing legislation.

The workshop's agenda unfolded through two substantive sessions. IDEAS took the lead in the first segment, offering insights into the Political Financing Act's intricacies (PFA). Following this, TI-Malaysia contributed valuable perspectives on asset declaration and beneficial ownership, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of transparency in political financing.

A key objective of the workshop was to elevate public awareness regarding the critical role of political financing legislation. The discussions went beyond addressing corruption, aiming to foster a political environment of fairness and competitiveness. The workshop catalysed informed civic participation, contributing to a more robust democratic framework.

Central to the initiative was the introduction of the Political Financing Bill, intended to curb political corruption and encourage a more equitable political landscape. Participants gained insights into legislative nuances and practical implications, fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities involved. Engagement with parliamentarians and key stakeholders, particularly at the grassroots level, was crucial to the workshop. The advocacy for comprehensive legislation covering political financing, asset declaration, and beneficial ownership positioned the event as a platform to initiate significant reforms shaping the future of political financing practices.

The collaboration between IDEAS and TI-Malaysia underscored a shared commitment to fostering transparency, accountability, and good governance. As Melaka provided the backdrop for this successful workshop, participants delved into the intricacies of political financing legislation, contributing to the cultivation of a more transparent and accountable political ecosystem in Malaysia.



Transparency International Malaysia and IDEAS with Yb Tuan Haji Adly Zahari and Yb Tuan Kerk Chee

As the workshop concluded, its success symbolised a significant stride towards informed civic participation and a more robust democratic framework. IDEAS and TI-Malaysia extend their gratitude to all participants, stakeholders, and policymakers who contributed to this collaborative effort in shaping a transparent and accountable political landscape in Malaysia.

## DECODING SECTION 17A MACC ACT 2009: IMPACTS AND INSIGHTS ON CORPORATE LIABILITY SUPPORTING SARAWAK'S EFFORTS FOR INTEGRITY THROUGH TRAINING



Tuan Othman Bin Anyan, Dr Muhammad Mohan, Dato' Murshid Diraja Dr. Juanda Jaya, Mr Vickram and Participants

Section 17A of the MACC Act 2009, effective since June 1, 2020, signifies a transformative shift in fostering ethical conduct and combating corruption within commercial organisations. In collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), TI-Malaysia successfully orchestrated these workshops to provide participants with insights into the legal provisions and promote a deeper understanding on corporate accountability.

Of particular note is the workshop in Sarawak, where TI-Malaysia collaborated with the Unit Integriti dan Ombudsman Sarawak (UNIONS), underscoring the importance of multistakeholder partnerships in addressing corruption challenges. This collaboration broadened the workshop's impact, bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise. The workshops were not just about decoding legal intricacies; they were dynamic workshops meaningful knowledge-sharing. for Βv convening stakeholders from various sectors, TI- M aimed to break down silos and foster a collective understanding of anti-corruption efforts. These successful workshops represent a milestone for TI-Malaysia, affirming its commitment to advancing integrity and ethical conduct in the corporate sphere.

# **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

## TI-MALAYSIA PRESENTATION ON ETHICAL LEADERSHIP FOR BANK ISLAM:

## SHAPING ORGANISATIONAL VALUES AND CULTURES

Transparency International Malaysia (TI-Malaysia) presented an informative and engaging webinar in partnership with Bank Islam for the board members, focusing on the central theme of Ethical Leadership and its profound impact on shaping organisational values and cultures. The webinar served as a platform for insightfuldiscussions and valuable exchanges on the significance of ethical leadership in promoting integrity within institutions.

An integral aspect of the webinar revolved around exploring ethical leadership values. This session delved into the core values that define ethical leadership, underscoring the importance of fostering a culture of integrity and ethical conduct within organisations. Participants were encouraged to reflect on the ethical values that guide their actions and decisions as leaders.



Dr. Mohan and the webinar participants

## AGORA SOCIETY MALAYSIA PUBLIC FORUM EXPLORES CORRUPTION AS A CULTURAL PROBLEM



In pursuit of fostering an enlightened movement for a Corruption-Free Generation, Agora Society Malaysia organised an important public forum on "Corruption as a Cultural Problem" on 22nd July 2023. The forum aimed to delve into the intricate relationship between culture and corruption and how this connection shapes the fabric of society.

TI-Malaysia, which is at the forefront of combating corruption, was represented by Alan Kirupakaran. In his presentation, Alan eloquently explored the correlation between culture and corruption, highlighting its potential impact on societal norms and values. The forum brought together distinguished speakers from various backgrounds, offering unique perspectives on this pressing issue. Ibrahim "Ben" Suffian, Co-founder of the Merdeka Center for Opinion Research, contributed to the discussion by analysing public perceptions of government corruption. Drawing upon extensive research, he shed light on how these perceptions are crucial in shaping the nation's fight against corruption.

Datuk Wira Dr Hj Rais Hussin Mohammed Ariff, the esteemed President and CEO of EMIR Research, presented a compelling discourse on the pivotal role of intelligentsias in informing the public about corruption. He emphasised the significance of research to understand and address the multifaceted nature of corruption in Malaysia.

Another noteworthy speaker was Zaidi Azmi, the Special Projects Editor at Sinar Daily, who offered keen insights into the challenges faced in investigative journalism when uncovering and reporting corruption cases.

Wathslah Naidu, the Executive Director of the Center for Independent Journalism, expertly moderated the forum's engaging discussions. Her guidance ensured a harmonious exchange of ideas and provided a platform for open dialogue among participants.



Alan spoke on the correlation between culture and corruption

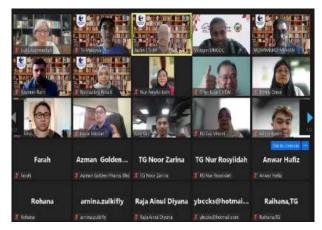
Alan's presentation meticulously outlined the detrimental cost of corruption to Malaysia, and its direct impact on the nation's welfare resonated with the audience. He meticulously examined the root causes of corruption, emphasising the urgent need for stronger oversight, punitive measures, and the fostering of personal integrity. Furthermore, he stressed the importance of accountability among demanded leaders and а collective commitment from citizens to combat this pervasive issue. Alan also highlighted TI-M's groundbreaking advocacy for Collective Action, a potent model utilised to drive behavioural change at the grassroots level. Collective Action promises to transform the nation's approach to tackling corruption by fostering trust and upholding integrity among all stakeholders.

# RECAP OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA'S INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY WEBINAR CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 2023

Insightful discussions and engaging presentations occurred during Transparency International Malaysia's webinar in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on International Anti-Corruption Day, held on December 9, 2023. The shared commitment demonstrated on this occasion is a testament to the collective determination in the ongoing fight against corruption.

The event, conducted via Zoom from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, gathered participants for a meaningful exploration of strategies to combat corruption. Dr Muhammad Mohan addressed the persistent challenges surrounding the losses and wastage of public funds, offering valuable insights into why improvements in this area have been slow to materialise. Raymon Ram delved into embracing AI for antimoney laundering (AML) compliance, and Eulis Rachmatiah emphasised the collective responsibility we all bear in the fight against corruption, stressing the pivotal roles that individuals and communities play in creating a corruption-free society. Lastly, Vickram Ragunath, representing UNODC, reflected on the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), discussing the global collaboration necessary to unite the world against corruption.

Transparency International Malaysia extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participants, speakers, and partners for their invaluable contributions to the success of this event. Their involvement is instrumental in advancing the mission to create a world free from corruption.



Transparency International Malaysia's Secretariat, Executive Committee and The Participants of the Webinar

# **INSIGHTS ON MALAYSIA'S ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS:** BFM RADIO WITH DR. MUHAMMAD MOHAN



Dr Muhammad Mohan at BFM Radio

In the wake of International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9th, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) is pleased to bring your attention to a compelling podcast featuring Dr Muhammad Mohan, President of TI-M. This podcast, hosted by BFM, offered a timely review of the Madani government's agenda in combating corruption, providing a comprehensive assessment of Malaysia's current state of affairs in anti-corruption.

Moreover, the podcast addresses areas requiring improvement, as Dr Mohan candidly highlights key aspects where enhancements could contribute to more effective anticorruption initiatives. This candid reflection encourages a constructive dialogue on how Malaysia can further strengthen its anticorruption framework.

Transparency International Malaysia remains steadfast in its commitment to creating a corruption-free society. This podcast is a crucial platform for informed discussions, fostering awareness and understanding of the progress and challenges in Malaysia's anticorruption journey.

# COLLECTIVE ACTION: MAJLIS PERBANDARAN DUNGUN AND MAJLIS DAERAH MARANG

# LAUNCH OF THE COLLECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM BUILDING INTEGRITY TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNITY



Group Photo with SUK Terengganu: YBM Tengku Farok Hussin

Transparency International Malaysia was invited to the launch ceremony of the Collective Action program held on 17th May 2023 at Wisma Darul Iman, Kuala Terengganu. This program marks a significant milestone in our continuous efforts to promote integrity and combat corruption in Malaysia.

The Collective Action is a context-based approach that aims to identify and implement effective solutions to enhance the integrity of infrastructure and public services. Here, integrity is defined as the alignment of accountability, efficiency, and ethics, free from corrupt practices.

This is a community-driven approach to development which has proven to be successful and effective in improving the quality of public programs, development



Alan Kirupakaran received an appreciation plaque from YBM Tengku Farok Hussin

projects, and services, ultimately enhancing the lives of the residents.

The objectives of the Collective Action are as follows: Provide better public services and empower stakeholders to ensure that policies are relevant, information is reliable, and public funds are efficiently utilised. The findings from our initial assessments are promising, indicating the potential for significant positive outcomes.

As Transparency International Malaysia, we are committed to working hand in hand with the community, government agencies, and stakeholders to drive positive change through the Collective Action. By fostering integrity, accountability, and ethical practices, we can create a better future for our nation.

# TI-MALAYSIA EMPOWERS THE COMMUNITY WITH JOINT LEARNING WORKSHOP

# AT MAJLIS PERBANDARAN DUNGUN FOR THE COLLECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM



TI-Malaysia and participants of the Joint Learning

Transparency International Malaysia recently (TI-Malaysia) hosted a successful Joint Learning Workshop for the Collective Action on June 14th and 15th, 2023. The workshop focused on the Community Development Program and the Responsibilities of the Community Monitoring Team. The two-day event comprised various sessions to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills for effective monitoring in the Collective Action program.

The workshop commenced with an introductory session, where participants got acquainted with the three zones' monitoring teams, contractors, and Majlis Perbandaran Dungun personnel. This ice-breaking session fostered a sense of camaraderie among the participants and facilitated better collaboration throughout the workshop.

TI-Malaysia provided a comprehensive overview of the Collective Action, emphasising its goals, objectives, and the importance of the monitoring team's role. The session aimed to ensure that participants understood the program's concept and their responsibilities as monitors. Another engaging session was conducted by Prof. Said, who shared valuable insights into data measurement techniques focusing on extracting and visualising data using Microsoft Power BI, an essential tool for effective data analysis and reporting in the Collective Action.

This session highlighted essential aspects such as data collection methods, dashboard utilisation, and reporting procedures. Participants were provided valuable guidance on navigating these key elements of the Collective Action effectively.

In the last session, TI-Malaysia invited representatives from Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia, Cawangan Negeri Terengganu, to provide in-depth an understanding of corruption, its implications, and the associated legal consequences. Participants gained insights into the various forms of corruption, the penalties involved, and the importance of combating corruption within the community. Additionally, we invited a representative previously involved in the Collective Action to share their first-hand experiences and insights on the program's implementation in Majlis Daerah Hulu Terengganu. This session was a valuable platform for exchanging knowledge and promoting a collective commitment to integrity and anti-corruption efforts.

Overall, the Joint Learning Workshop was highly informative and interactive. It provided participants with the knowledge, skills, and insights necessary for their roles as Community Monitoring Team members in the Collective Action. The workshop successfully fostered a sense of collaboration and dedication to upholding integrity within the community.

# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION A TRIUMPH IN DUNGUN



Collective Action Project presentation at Majlis Perbandaran Dungun

We are excited to bring you the latest updates on our Collective Action Project in Dungun. Transparency International-Malaysia has worked with the Majlis Perbandaran Dungun (MPD) and the dedicated Community Monitors to improve the holistic eco-system of the surrounding integrity.

The cornerstone of our project lies in the active of Community involvement Monitors, individuals who have meticulously observed and reported their findings. Recently, these findings were shared with key stakeholders, including the YDP Majlis Perbandaran Dungun. The real triumph came with the introduction of a dynamic Microsoft Power BI dashboard to present complex data. The response resounded, with Community Monitors and YDPA expressing а remarkable 9/10 satisfaction rating for the dashboard's effectiveness.

What sets this project apart is the identification of challenges and the commitment to resolve them. The Fixed-rate data presentation by TI-Malaysia offered a comprehensive view of the project's impact. By capturing pre and post-test metrics, it became evident that the Collective Action project in Dungun had translated into positive change within the community. The Fixed-rate data, measuring the resolution of identified

problems and the satisfaction of stakeholders, reflected a commendable success rate.

Dungun's success story continues beyond data presentation. It is a testament to the effectiveness of evidence-driven solutions proposed by the Community Monitors. These individuals uncover problems and play a pivotal role in suggesting fixes and sharing best practices.

As we celebrate the accomplishments in Dungun, it is crucial to recognise the collaborative spirit that underpins this success. Constructive engagement with critical stakeholders, data-driven presentations, and a commitment to addressing identified issues have collectively transformed this community. This transformation has brought about tangible improvements and fostered an environment of honesty and integrity, laying the foundation for sustained progress and well-being. The success in Dungun serves as an inspiring model for future initiatives, showcasing the potential for meaningful change when diverse stakeholders unite with a shared vision.

In conclusion, the journey in Dungun is a beacon of hope and empowerment. We express our gratitude to all those who contributed to this transformative process and eagerly anticipate further successes as we collectively strive for positive change in communities across the globe.

# EMBARKING ON A NEW CHAPTER: COLLECTIVE ACTION PROJECT BREAKING NEW GROUND WITH MAJLIS DAERAH MARANG



Transparency International Malaysia meeting with Majlis Daerah Marang

In the wake of our successful Collective Action Project in Dungun, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) is embarking on a new phase of community transformation in Majlis Daerah Marang. Guided by the insights gained from previous endeavours, we are poised to weave a narrative of positive change in this unique project.

The journey commences with a deep dive into the local landscape through discussions with Majlis Daerah Marang (MDM). This initial step, marked by a holistic context and stakeholder analysis, aims to unravel the distinctive characteristics and capabilities of Majlis Daerah Marang. These conversations form the bedrock upon which our tailored approach for sustainable impact will be built.

Community engagement takes centre stage with a deliberate effort to include the voices

that matter most. In adherence to the principle of inclusivity, discussions with selected community groups are initiated, following recommendations from Majlis Daerah Marang. This deliberate selection ensures that our engagement aligns seamlessly with the existing community structures, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment among participants.

As we navigate this intricate landscape, the importance of grounding our initiatives in evidence becomes evident. Thus, establishing а baseline takes precedence through discussions with selected community monitors. These individuals, integral to the fabric of Majlis Daerah Marang, will play a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of our interventions, ensuring they are rooted in the real-life experiences and aspirations of the community.

This new Collective Action Project is a continuation, a progression, and a testament to our commitment to sustainable community development. As we take our first steps into Majlis Daerah Marang, we are fueled by the belief that positive change begins with a deep connection to the community. We anticipate a journey filled with collaboration, learning, and, most importantly, a positive impact on the community.

# TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA'S JOINT LEARNING A PROGRAM IN MAJLIS DAERAH MARANG



Transparency International Malaysia with The Monitoring Team in Marang

Transparency International Malaysia (TI-Malaysia) has transitioned to a crucial juncture in the Collective Action Project in Marang. Following the groundwork of Context Sensitivity, the project has entered the dynamic phase of Joint Learning, marking a significant stride towards fostering collaborative efforts for positive change.

TI-Malaysia recognises these community monitors' critical role in the project's success. Emphasising the need for credibility, reliability, and a genuine interest in addressing the community's needs, the intentional selection process ensures that the monitors are not mere observers but passionate advocates for positive transformation.

Equipping community monitors with the necessary skills is paramount to their effectiveness. As part of the Joint Learning Initiative, TI-Malaysia conducts comprehensive training sessions. These sessions delve into monitoring skills, empowering monitors to analyse the issues and document their findings through photographs. This skill enhancement is not merely technical but a strategic investment in the monitors' ability to drive meaningful change.

The Joint Learning phase in Marang is not merely a procedural step but a strategic move towards synergy and collaboration. lt embodies TI-Malaysia's commitment to inclusive, informed, and community-driven development. As we navigate this phase, we recognise that sustainable change requires a collective effort, and Joint Learning is the bridge that connects diverse stakeholders in pursuing a shared vision.

# **MEDIA PRESENCE**

# Compel MPs, senators to declare assets, PM told

Transparency International Malaysia says this will ensure good governance and eradicate corruption among members of the two Houses.



Transparency International Malaysia reminded MPs that they sought election and must, therefore, be transparent in their actions. (Betnama pic)

PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has been urged to introduce an Asset Declaration Act as part of his reform agenda.

Anti-corruption group Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) said the legislation will compel MPs and senators to declare their assets, liabilities and income on a regular basis.

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# TI-M: Compel all MPs to declare assets, liabilities, income to MACC

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Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) has called on the government to compel all MPs to declare their assets to the MACC.

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Legislation such as the Asset Declaration Act must be introduced to make both politicians and those holding positions of power declare and update their wealth on a regular basis, TI-M president Muhammad Mohan said in a statement today.

"As has been raised before, we need to push for a bill to be tabled in Parliament in the form of an Asset Declaration Act or another similar statute to ensure all elected MPs and appointed senators declare their assets, liabilities and income.

"Those whose wealth has grown significantly within a short period must be compelled to provide an explanation with the necessary supporting information.



NGOs want Whistleblower Act amendments to be sped up

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Anti-graft groups Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) and the Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4) welcomed the planned amendments to the Whistleblower Protection Act but they hope it will be done quickly.

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim earlier announced in his Budget 2023 speech that Putrajaya plans to amend the act this year to better safeguard whistleblowers.

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"Whistleblowing is a powerful tool to fight corruption.

"The longer we wait (for studies or further amendments) the worse corruption can become," he said.

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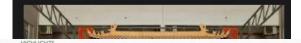
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#### 'Whistleblowers deserve better'

By JUSTIN ZACK and GERARD GIMINO



PETALING JAYA: Any amendments to the current Whistleblower Protection Act must ensure better protection for whistleblowers, say experts.

Transparency International Malaysia president Dr Muhammad Mohan said amendments should allow for whistleblowers to be protected even if their disclosure broke any laws such as the Official Secrets Act, Penal Code or banking secrecy.

Internal whistletilowing should be protected under the Whistle-blower Protection Act Instead of It being just towards enforcement agencies.

"Instances of external whistleblowing should also allow lodging reports to other bodies, such as NGOs and other government agencies, instead of the being limited to enforcement agencies," he said, adding that these aspects were crucial towards protecting whistleblowers.

He also noted that letting whistleblowers report any instances of wrongdoing to entities apart from enforcement agencies should also be allowed, in cases of trust dehict with enforcement agencies when handling such cases.

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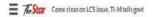
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Presiden Transparency International Malaysia (TLM), Dr Mahammad Mohan, berkata setakat ini, kempan PRN secara kisekuruhannya berjalah lancar, namun disebabitan Malaysia tidak mempunyai undangundang berkatan daria politik, calah dan parti boleh mengambil kesempatan dengan menggunakan politik weng untuk membeli undi:





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Category	December 2023	December 2022
Individual	75	77
Corporate	19	18
Total	94	95

# **MEMBERSHIP**

The new corporate members joined TI-Malaysia in the year 2023.

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# **SECRETARIAT**

No.	Name	Position
1	Nurizzati binti Mohamad Nor	Senior Project Executive (Until February 2023)
2	Justin Bryann Jarret	Senior Project Executive
3	Rosnazlina binti Rosali	Senior Project Executive
4	Aliff Asyraf bin Shaadan	Project Executive

# Fees Paid to Exco Members for Services Rendered

No	Name	Amount (RM)
1.	Raymon Ram	5,100.00
2.	Eulis Rachmatiah Iskandar Sastrawidjaja	1,900.00
3.	Nurirdzuana Ismail	4,600.00
4.	Alan Kirupakaran	8,400.00
5.	Dr Muhammad Mohan	13,250.00
6.	Chuah Yean Ping	500.00

# **Donations Made to TI-Malaysia by Exco Members**

No	Name	Amount (RM)
1.	Dr Muhammad Mohan	12,839.05
2.	Raymon Ram	4,100.00
3.	Nurirdzuana Ismail	3,300.00
4.	Alan Kirupakaran	500.00
5.	Chuah Yean Ping	500.00

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No	Name	Amount (RM)
1	Mohd Rezaidi Mohd Ishak	21,334.00
2	Balbeer Singh	1,000.00
3	Sukumaran Sinnathamby	1,500.00

# 2023-2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No.	Name	Position	EXCO MeetingAttendance (As of Dec 2023)
1	Dr Muhammad Mohan	President	7/7
2	Lawrence Chew Seng Chen	Deputy President	7/7
3	Raymon Ram	Secretary-General	7/7
4	Dr Geetha Rubasundram	Treasurer	7/7
5	Alan Kirupakaran	Member	7/7
6	Eulis Rachmatiah Iskandar	Member	7/7
7	Chew Phye Keat	Member	6/7
8	Nurirdzuana Ismail	Member	6/7
9	Nisha Kamilla Sundra Rajoo	Member	6/7
10	Chuah Yean Ping	Member	6/7

# ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS & EVENTS 2023

No.	Date	Activities/Meetings/Event	Venue	Funder(s)
1.	18 January 2023	Majlis Penyampaian Anugerah Integriti, Governans Dan Antirasuah (AIGA 2022) (Dr Mohan)	Dewan Auditorium IIM, Aras 2, Institut Integriti Malaysia	-
2.	31 January 2023	CPI 2022 Released	Royal Selangor Club Kuala Lumpur	-
3.	12 February 2023	Meeting With SUK Terengganu On CIB Proposal (Alan/Rezaidi)	SUK, Terengganu	-
4.	11 March 2023	25 <sup>th</sup> TI- Malaysia AGM	Crystal Crown Hotel PJ	-
5.	18 March 2023	Political Financing, Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership (IRI Project Together with IDEAS) (Dr Mohan/Eulis/Justin)	Indera Mahkota, Pahang	IRI
6.	20 March 2023	TI-Malaysia's Meeting with The International Monetary Fund (Dr Mohan/Raymon/Alan)	Zoom Meeting	-
7.	28-30 March 2023	OCR Meeting for TI-Asia Pacific & 2nd Summit for Democracy (Dr Mohan)	Seoul, South Korea	TI Berlin
8.	15 April 2023	Political Financing, Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership (IRI Project Together with IDEAS) (Dr Mohan/Eulis/Asraf)	Muar, Johor	IRI
9.	8 May 2023	Mesyuarat Sesi Libat Urus Bersama Badan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO) Berhubung Penubuhan Ombudsman Malaysia (Chew Phye Keat)	Putrajaya	-
10.	17 May 2023	Launch of the Pembangunan Integriti Bersama Komuniti (PIBK) Program. Building Integrity Together with the Community (Alan/Rezaidi/Prof Said/Asyraf)	SUK, Terengganu	SUK TERENGGANU
11.	20 May 2023	Political Financing, Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership (IRI Project Together with IDEAS) (Dr Mohan/Raymon/Justin/Ros)	Nexus Resort & Spa Karambunai	IRI
12.	24 May 2023	Exemplar Global Recognized Antibribery Management Systems (ISO 37001) Lead Auditor (Nurirdzuana)	Hilton Double Tree Kuala Lumpur	
13.	14-15 June 2023	TI-Malaysia Empowers the Community with Joint Learning Workshop at Majlis Perbandaran Dungun for the PIBK Program (Alan/Rezaidi/Prof Said/Asyraf)	Majlis Perbandaran Dungun, Terengganu	SUK TERENGGANU
14.	16 June 2023	TI-M Presentation on Ethical Leadership for Bank Islam: Shaping Organizational Values & Cultures (Dr Mohan)	Zoom Online	-
15.	22 June 2023	Workshop On Liability of Legal Persons for Corruption Offences (Dr Mohan/Justin/Ros/Asyraf)	Putrajaya	-
16.	5 July 2023	Decoding Section 17A: Impacts And Insights on Corporate Liability (UNODC Project) (Dr Mohan/Nurirdzuana/Chuah Yean Ping/Justin/Ros/Asyraf)	Royal Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	UNODC
17.	10 July 2023	TI-Malaysia Advocates for Institutional and Legislative Reforms: Engaging With YDP Dewan Negara (Dr Mohan)	Parlimen	-

18.	12 July 2023	Visit By ACA Uzbekistan	TI-Malaysia Office	-
19.	14 July 2023	Budget 2024 Meeting with MOF (Justin)	Putrajaya	-
20.	22 July 2023	Agora Society Malaysia Public Forum Explores Corruption as A Cultural Problem (Alan)	Klscah Auditorium	-
21.	27 July 2023	C4 Center's Roundtable Discussion on The Proposed Malaysian Ombudsman (Dr Geetha/Asyraf)	C4 Office	-
22.	3 August 2023	Ethical Leadership Helps Shape Organizational Values & Cultures (Dr Mohan)	Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd	-
23.	21 August 2023	Decoding Section 17A: Impacts And Insights On Corporate Liability (UNODC Project) (Dr Mohan/Balbeer Singh/Nurirdzuana/Justin/ Ros/Asyraf)	Amari Hotel, Johor Baharu	UNODC
24.	11 September 2023	Transparency International Malaysia (TI- Malaysia) Hosts Courtesy Visit by Transparency International Defence	TI-Malaysia Office	-
25.	11 September 2023	Mesyuarat Program Pembangunan Integriti Bersama Komuniti (PIBK) Dengan Majlis Daerah Marang (Alan/Rezaidi/Asyraf/Prof Said)	Majlis Daerah Marang, Terengganu	SUK TERENGGANU
26.	18 September 2023	Decoding Section 17A: Impacts And Insights on Corporate Liability (UNODC Project) (Dr Mohan/Eulis/Nurirdzuana/Justin/Ros/Asyraf)	Sunway Georgetown Hotel Penang	UNODC
27.	19 September 2023	Transparency International Malaysia (TI- Malaysia) Hosts Courtesy Visit by The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	TI-Malaysia Office	-
28.	21 September 2023	Conflict of Interest and Corporate Liability Talk (Corporate Member)	Zoom Online	-
29.	27 September 2023	Persidangan Psikologi Perkhidmatan Awam: Forum: Penjawat Awam Tonggak Negara Madani: Profesional Atau Berkaliber? (Alan)	MBSA Convention Centre	-
30.	2 October 2023	Report on Technical Expert Workshop on Governance Leadership Reform: Advancing Governance Leadership: Building A Strong Foundation For Malaysia's Progress (Eulis)	Armada Hotel PJ	-
31.	14 October 2023	Political Financing, Asset Declaration and Beneficial Ownership (IRI Project Together with IDEAS) (Dr Mohan/Eulis/Justin/Ros/Asyraf)	Ames Hotel, Malacca	IRI
32.	17 October 2023	Mesyuarat Perbincangan Hala Tuju Pembaikan Akta Kesalahan Pilihanraya 1954 [Akta 5] (Eulis)	Parlimen	
33.	18 October 2023	TI-Malaysia and TI-UK – Exchange of Ideas on Fighting Corruption	Zoom Online	-
34.	25 October 2023	ABAC Summit 2023 (Dr Mohan)	Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur	-
35.	25-27 October 2023	Mesyuarat Penyelarasan Pengenalpastian Isu Dan Risiko Rasuah Siri 2 Tahun 2023 (Dr Mohan/Raymon)	Pacific Rengency Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan	-
36.	30 October 2023	Decoding Section 17A: Impacts And Insights on Corporate Liability (UNODC Project Jointly with Ombudsman Sarawak) (Dr Mohan/ Raymon/	Pullman Kuching, Sarawak	UNODC

		Nurirdzuana/Justin/Ros/Asyraf)		
37.	8 November 2023	Decoding Section 17A: Impacts And Insights on Corporate Liability (UNODC PROJECT Jointly with MACC Negeri Sembilan) (Balbeer Singh/Nurirdzuana/Ros/Asyraf)	Klana Resort, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan	UNODC
38.	17-19 November 2023	Strategic Plan Review Workshop (All Excos/Justin/Ros/Asyraf/Rezaidi)	Malacca	-
39.	22 November 2023	Courtesy Visit by Corporate Member PKNS	TI-Malaysia Office	-
40.	23 November 2023	Open Booth - Program Sambutan Hari Integriti KWSP bersama MOF dan Agensi 2023 (Ros/Asyraf)	PICC, Putrajaya	-
41.	10 November 2023	ESG: From Principles to Practice - Accelerating Sustainable Business Transformation (Dr Mohan/Dr Geetha/Justin/Ros)	PJ Hilton	-
42.	24 November 2023	Transparency International Malaysia's Visit to Jabatan Audit Negara (Dr Mohan/Raymon)	Putrajaya	-
43.	30 November 2023	Courtesy visit by PAKAR Malaysia	TI-Malaysia Office	-
44.	6 December 2023	Bengkel Focus Group Discussion (FGD) – Pembangunan Strategi Pembanterasan Rasuah Nasional (NACS) (Alan)	Bangi Hotel Resort	
45.	8 December 2023	Insights On Malaysia's Anti-Corruption Efforts: BFM Radio with Dr. Muhammad Mohan	BFM Radio	-
46.	9 December 2023	Transparency International Malaysia's International Anti-corruption Day Webinar	Webinar	-

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### THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 31 DECEMBER 2023



REGISTRATION NO.: PPM-007-10-28081999

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# THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

We, the Executive Committee, responsible for the financial statements of THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY, Registration No: PPM-007-10-28081999, hereby state that to the best of our knowledge and belief: -

- a) The accounting records produced together with the vouchers, information and explanations given to the auditors, MUSTAPHARAJ PLT constitute a true record of all transactions, assets and liabilities of the SOCIETY for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and;
- b) The Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of General Funds, and Statement of Cash Flows together with the Notes to the Financial Statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the approved accounting standards by the Committee and show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the SOCIETY as at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the operations for the financial year ended on that date.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

DR. MUHAMMAD MOHAN KITTU BIN

RAYMON RAM Secretary General

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DR. GEETHÁ A. RUBASUNDRAM Treasurer

Dated: 2 8 FFB 2024

ABDULLAH

President

MUSTAPHARAJ PLT (201806000705 (LLP0015086-LCA) & AF 001361) Chartered Accountants D-36-03 Dataran 32, No. 2, Jalan 19/1 46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor D. E. Tel: +603 7841 5500 Fax: +603 7841 5501 Email: audit@mustapharaj.com



### THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the financial statements of the **THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY FOR TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY**. The preparation of the financial statements is the responsibility of the Executive Committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the approved Standards of Auditing in Malaysia. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain all the information and explanations which we consider necessary to provide us with evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The audit also includes an assessment of the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of General Funds, and Statement of Cash Flows together with the Notes, have been properly prepared in accordance with the approved accounting standards by the Committee and show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the **SOCIETY** at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the operations for the financial year ended on that date.

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MUSTAPHARAJ PLT (Firm No : AF 001361) Chartered Accountants (Malaysia)

Dated: 28 FEB 2024 VE 31 DECEMBER 2023

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RALPH RAVIN RATNASWAMY Approval No: Bil.3214/10/25 (J)

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and Equipment	5	13,676	22,733
CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and Other Receivables Cash and Cash Equivalents	6 7	6,350 673,677	6,350 692,062
	-	680,027	698,412
TOTAL ASSETS		693,703	721,145
EQUITY			
General Funds		322,959	348,840
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Membership Received in Advance	9	1,300	2,200
Grant Funding	8	360,559	362,605
Payables and Accruals	9	8,885	7,500
		370,744	372,305
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	_	693,703	721,145

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 RM	2022 RM
INCOME		
Donations Grant Income Membership Fee Training Income	14,702 456,266 68,000 <u>6,800</u> 545,768	6,359 332,607 67,700 - 406,666
OTHER INCOME		
Sponsorship Interest Income Others	2,855 40 2,895	3,367 737 17,690 21,794
TOTAL INCOME	548,663	428,460
LESS: ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (SCHEDULE I & II)	(574,544)	(282,380)
TOTAL (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION	(25,881)	146,080
TAXATION	12	-
TOTAL (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	(25,881)	146,080

# STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	ACCUMULATED FUNDS RM
2023	
At 01 January 2023	348,840
Total Deficit for the Financial Year After Taxation	(25,881)
At 31 December 2023	322,959
2022	
At 01 January 2022	202,760
Total Surplus for the Financial Year	
After Taxation	146,080
At 31 December 2022	348,840

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 RM	2022 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Total (Deficit) / Surplus for the Financial Year Before Taxation	(25,881)	146,080
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of Plant and Equipment	9,057	8,944
Operating (Deficit) / Surplus Before Working Capital Changes	(16,824)	155,024
Change in Working Capital:		
Trade and Other Receivables Membership Received in Advance Grant Funding Payables and Accruals	$(900) \\ (2,046) \\ 1,385 \\ (18,385)$	$ \begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 600 \\ (217,101) \\ (7,040) \\ \hline (68,417) \end{array} $
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Plant and Equipment		(3,367)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(18,385)	(71,784)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	692,062	763,846
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR (NOTE 7)	673,677	692,062

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 31 DECEMBER 2023

# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The principal activity of the Society is to promote transparency and integrity.

The Society is an entity registered with the Registrar of Societies.

The address of the registered office and principal place of business of the Society is as follows:

319, Block A, Kelana Centre Point, Jalan SS7/19, Kelana Jaya, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

The financial statements are reported in Ringgit Malaysia (RM).

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements of the Society have been properly prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and comply with the provisions of the Societies Act 1966, and in accordance with Malaysian Private Entities Reporting Standard ("MPERS") issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB").

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 3.1 Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation

Description

Property, Plant and Equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Provision for depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis so as to write off the cost of the assets over their anticipated useful lives. The principal annual rates of depreciation used are as follows:

Description	70
Furniture and Fittings	10
Office Equipment	10
Computer Equipment	25

#### 3.2. Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables are carried out at the invoiced amount less an allowance for doubtful debts. Known bad debts are written-off and specific allowance is made for any debts considered to be doubtful in collection.

#### 3.3 Projects / Programmes funding

The Society carries out projects or programmes and recognizes the funding or contributions from donors for these projects or programmes as payables and the corresponding expenditures for the projects or programmes as receivables. In the event there is a surplus / deficit from the funding, it will be recognised as income /expense.

### 3.4 Liabilities and Provisions

Payables and accruals are stated at cost.

Provisions for liabilities are recognized when the Society has a present obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

Provisions are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Where the time value of money is material, the amount of the provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation.

### 3.5 Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

(a) Initial recognition and measurement

On initial recognition, a financial asset or a financial liability is measured at the transaction price, including transaction costs. For a financial asset or a financial liability that is subsequently measured at fair value through income statement, transaction costs are expensed to income statement when incurred.

A financial asset or a financial liability (including derivative instruments) is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

An arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms. Under a financing transaction, a financial asset or a financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument as determined at initial recognition.

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### 3.5 Financial Instruments (cont'd)

#### (b) Subsequent measurement

Derivative financial instruments (other than derivatives designated as a hedging instrument) are measured at fair values and changes in fair values are recognised in income statement.

Debt instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are classified as current assets or current liabilities are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, unless the arrangement constitutes, in effect, a financing transaction.

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares, that are publicly traded or their fair values can otherwise be measured reliably without undue cost or effort, are measured at fair values with changes in fair values recognised in income statement. All other such investments are measured at cost less impairment.

All financial assets are subject to review for impairment, except for financial assets measured at fair values through income statement.

(c) Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are assessed as to whether there is objective evidence of impairment. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in income statement immediately.

For a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If such a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For a financial asset measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of an impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed in income statement.

### 3.5 Financial Instruments (cont'd)

#### (d) Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised only when (i) the contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled; or (ii) the entity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, including circumstances when the entity acts only as a collecting agent of the transferee, and retains no significant risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset or no continuing involvement in the control of the financial asset transferred.

A financial liability is derecognised only when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, is cancelled or expires. A substantial modification of the terms of an existing financial liability is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new financial liability.

### 3.6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### 3.7 Taxation

Current tax liability is recognised for tax payable on taxable profit for the current and past periods. If the amount paid for the current and past periods exceeds the amount payable for those periods, the excess is recognised as a current tax asset. Current tax liability or asset is measured at the amount it expects to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax liability is recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that the deferred tax liability arises from: (i) the initial recognition of goodwill; or (ii) the initial recognition of an asset or a liability in a transaction that is not a business combination, and at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit or tax loss.

Deferred tax asset is recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised, unless the deferred tax asset arises from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability in a transaction that is not a business combination, and at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit or tax loss.

A deferred tax liability or asset is measured using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which, at the reporting date, the carrying amount of the related assets and liabilities is expected to be recovered or settled.

#### 3.7 Taxation (cont'd)

Deferred tax asset is recognised for all deductible temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, branches and associates and interests in joint ventures, only to the extent that it is probable that: (a) the temporary difference will reverse in the foreseeable future; and (b) taxable profit will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

Deferred tax liability is recognised for all taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, branches and associates, and interests in joint ventures, except to the extent that (a) the parent, investor or venturer is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference; and (b) it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Current or deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### 3.8 Income Recognition

Income is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Society and when the income can be measured reliably on the following basis:

- Members' contributions are recognised on an accruals basis.
- (ii) Grants are recognised where there is reasonable assurance that the Society will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received. Grants are recognised as income on a systematic basis over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs which they are intended to compensate.
- (iii) Donation income is recognised on a receipt basis.
- Surplus / (Deficit) from projects / programmes funds undertaken are recognised upon proper completion of the projects / programmed.
- (v) Service income from workshop and proposals are recognised upon services rendered.
- (vi) Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis.

### 3.9 Employee Benefits

#### Short Term Employee Benefits

Wages, salaries, social security contributions, bonuses and non-monetary benefits are accrued in the financial year in which the associated services are rendered by the employees of the Society.

#### Defined Contribution Plans

The Society contributes to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), the national defined contribution plan. The contributions are charged to the income statement in the period to which they relate. Once the contributions have been paid, the Society has no further payment obligations.

# 4. JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The management has made judgements in the process of applying the accounting policies. However, there is no significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements during the year.

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### Measurement of provision

Management evaluates the estimates based on the historical experience and other inputs or assumptions, current developments and future events that are reasonably possible under particular circumstances. A probability-weighted estimate of the outflows required to settle the obligation is used. The actual outcome may differ from the estimates made and this may have a significant effect on the Society's financial position and financial performance.

# 5. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Office Equipment RM	Computer Equipment RM	Furniture and Fittings RM	Total RM
COSTS			RUI	KM
At 01 January 2023	17,148	38,703	9,297	65,148
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals		-	( <del>1</del> 4	-
At 31 December 2023	17,148	38,703	9,297	65,148
LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
At 01 January 2023	17,007	16,111	9,297	42,415
Charge for the Financial Year	141	8,916	-	9,057
Disposals	20	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	17,148	25,027	9,297	51,472
NET BOOK VALUES				
31 December 2023	-	13,676	( <del>-</del> )	13,676
31 December 2022	141	22,592	-	22,733
Depreciation Charge for				
The Financial Year Ended				
31 December 2022	168	8,776	_	8,944

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# 6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Deposits	6,350	6,350
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	2023 RM	2022 RM
Cash in Bank	520,085	541,325
Fixed Deposit	153,592	150,737
	673,677	692,062
GRANT FUNDING		
	2023 RM	2022 RM
Trade		
CIPE Receipt		338,456
CIPE Expense	-	(320,079)
UNODC Receipt	165,736	-
UNODC Expense	(135,111)	: <del>-</del>
GIACC Receipt	192,600	192,600
GIACC Expense	(197,854)	(103,338)
MARI USAID Receipt	558,651	558,652
MARI USAID Expense	(377,772)	(303,686)
Collective Action Receipt	171,400	
Collective Action Expense	(77,025)	-
IRI Receipt	183,493	-
IRI Expense	(123,559)	-
	360,559	362,605

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# 9. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Non-Trade		
Membership Received in Advance	1,300	2,200
Payables and Accruals	8,885	7,500
	10,185	9,700
TAXATION		
	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Income Tax		
Current Financial Year	<u> </u>	

A reconciliation of the income tax expense on the surplus for the financial year before taxation with the applicable statutory income tax rate is as follows:

	2023 RM	2022 RM
(Deficit) / Surplus for the Financial Year before Taxation	(25,881)	146,080
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	9,056	8,944
Income exempted for tax purposes	2,527	(23,825)
Unabsorbed business loss utilised	17,865	(126,959)
Capital allowances utilised	(3,567)	(4,240)
Tax Expense	-	

# 11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Financial Assets at amortised cost	680,027	698,412
Financial Liabilities at amortised cost	370,744	372,305

# SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Accounting Fees	27,000	27,000
Advertisements		450
AGM Expenses	3,750	-
Audit Fees	4,000	4,000
Bank Charges	55	172
Courier and Postage	975	6,057
Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	9,057	8,944
Entertainment	1,894	81
EPF and SOCSO	19,201	14,682
General Expenses	110	219
Insurance	3,626	364
Internship Allowances	1,456	3,830
Legal and Professional Fees	1,250	10,485
Medical Expenses	786	314
Meeting Expenses	807	436
Office Refreshments	3,408	2,124
Office Rental	18,000	18,000
Penalty	21	-
Printing and Stationery	4,066	3,982
Programme Expenses	325,197	57,781
Salaries	132,476	101,957
Service Tax	2,003	1,820
Balance c/f	559,138	262,698

### SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONT'D)

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Balance b/f	559,138	262,698
Storage Charges	1,320	1,440
Telephone and Internet	1,794	2,280
Travel and Accomodation	3,805	5,032
Training Expenses	1,433	1,058
Upkeep of Office	2,001	1,997
Upkeep of Computer	882	1,100
Utilities	4,171	3,894
Web Hosting & Maintenance	5. 154	2,881
	574,544	282,380