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TEACH FOR MALAYSIA LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH TUN DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TO EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

Congratulations to Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on his appointment as the Minister of Education

KUALA LUMPUR: Teach For Malaysia (TFM) congratulates Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on his appointment as the new Education Minister. We look forward to supporting the Ministry of Education's transformation in empowering students, 21st century innovation in classroom-learning and recruiting top talent into the education sector.

On 9th May 2018, Malaysians exercised their right to vote for the government of their choice. The results of GE14 demonstrated the power of the voice of the Malaysian people. At TFM, we believe that if we listen to and empower our students, we will solve real problems. We want to see a Malaysia where all children are empowered to be leaders of their own learning, their future, and the future of this country. This needs to start in the classroom. However, many of the students we serve lack the critical thinking skills, creativity and confidence to make their voice heard. In order to do this, our nation needs its most passionate, promising leaders to work hand in hand with local communities to empower our students.

Dzameer Dzulkifli, Managing Director of Teach For Malaysia said:

"While we agree on a 21st Century approach to education, we are nearly one-fifth through the 21st Century. By the time we catch up, we would already be in the 22nd Century. Looking at the rapid pace of technology and the significant challenges of our world today, we know that the human brain won't be able to compete against Artificial Intelligence. Therefore, it's imperative that we also put our focus on developing emotional and social intelligence, and creating joyful classrooms. We need to start educating like it's the year 2100, now."

1 in 5 children do not complete secondary education and many are behind their peers in proficiency and literacy. Along with the inherent systemic challenges, one of the most significant factors contributing to student success is the quality of teaching and teachers in the system. In line with the government's promise to make public schools the best of choice for its people, TFM strives to make teaching the profession of choice. According to GradMalaysia's Graduate Employer rankings, TFM is the 37th most popular graduate employer in the country.

We run a 2-year Fellowship programme where we recruit top graduates and young professionals to teach full-time for two years in some of our country's most challenging schools. Our Fellows experience firsthand, the challenges that hold our most disadvantaged students back. Our Alumni movement continues to contribute significantly to the nation's education sector.

Aiming to place at least 100 Fellows in classrooms by Jan 2019, we look forward to continue working with the MOE in recruiting more of Malaysia's top talent, so that we can provide an excellent education for the future leaders of our nation.

Note to editor:**Who we are:**

Teach For Malaysia is an independent, not-for-profit organisation, on a mission to give all children the opportunity to attain an excellent education by partnering with MOE to reach under-privileged public schools. We believe that a child's education and future should not be determined by their circumstances in life. TFM plays a part in this mission by recruiting outstanding graduates and young professionals to be full-time teachers in high-need schools through our highly selective two-year Fellowship programme. It is one of the 48 partners of the prestigious global education network, Teach For All.

Our impact:**The largest pipeline of youth empowerment in education**

Since our launch in 2012, our movement of over 350 Fellows and Alumni, across 7 cohorts has impacted more than 87,000 students in over 120 schools across 10 states in Malaysia.

Serving & impacting the most challenging schools

Teach For Malaysia Fellows and Alumni now teach in schools across Kedah, Pulau Pinang, Perak, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Negeri Sembilan, Johor, Sabah and Sarawak. We are now looking for our next cohort of 100 Fellows for 2019. For more information, please visit www.teachformalaysia.org.

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