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Junior Team Para Malaysia Shines at Asian Youth Para Games Dubai 2025

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The Paralympic Council Malaysia (PCM) proudly announces the outstanding achievement of Junior Team Para Malaysia at the Asian Youth Para Games (AYPG) Dubai 2025, where the contingent secured an impressive total of 39 medals – 14 gold, 12 silver, and 13 bronze.

The Asian Youth Para Games Dubai 2025 brought together 1,350 athletes under the age of 21 from 35 Asian countries, competing across 11 sports. Held once every 4 years, the next edition of the Games will be hosted by Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2029.

Malaysia was represented by a 29-member junior contingent, comprising 21 male and 8 female athletes, who competed in 8 of 11 sports offered in Dubai. The athletes were selected based on their outstanding performances at Para SUKMA Sarawak 2024 and represented states from across the country. This initiative forms part of PCM's national youth development pathway aimed at nurturing future elite Para athletes, accelerating their exposure to international competition, and preparing them for progression into the MSN Podium Programme.

The contingent delivered commendable performances across all sports, with Para Swimming emerging as a major highlight. The 6 Para swimmers created history by contributing 25 of the 39 medals – 10 gold, 8 silver, and 7 bronze. This achievement reinforces PCM's strategic focus on sports such as Para Swimming and Para Athletics in multi-sport events like AYPG, which offer multiple medal opportunities.

Commenting on the achievement, Dato Sri Megat D Shahriman, President of Paralympic Council Malaysia, said:

"This outstanding performance by our junior athletes is a strong affirmation that Malaysia's Para sports development pathway is on the right track. These young athletes have demonstrated not only remarkable talent, but also discipline, resilience, and maturity beyond their years. The Asian Youth Para Games provided invaluable international exposure, and we are confident that many of these athletes will progress into our senior national team and the MSN Podium Programme in the years ahead."

PCM views this medal achievement as a testament to the dedication, resilience, and potential of Malaysia's next generation of Para athletes. Beyond the medal tally, the Games provided invaluable international exposure and high-level competition experience, which are crucial for the athletes' long-term development and readiness for future elite competitions.

PCM extends its deepest appreciation to all athletes, coaches, officials, support staff, and partners for their unwavering dedication, professionalism, and steadfast support throughout this journey. Above all, PCM wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the parents, whose encouragement, sacrifice, and belief

in their children have been fundamental in creating opportunities for these young athletes to pursue excellence in Para sports.

PCM further acknowledges and welcomes the Government's focused and strategic commitment – particularly through Majlis Sukan Negara – in strengthening youth participation and long-term development in Para sports through close and continued collaboration with PCM.

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