

PRESS RELEASE



Brighter Future For Paralympic Movement

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Paralympic Council of Malaysia (PCM) sees the appointment of YB Hannah Yeoh as the new Minister of Youth & Sports as an opportunity for the Paralympic Movement to be taken to greater heights.

Being a former deputy minister in Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, YB Hannah is in a better position to understand the challenges faced by persons with disability (PWD), as that ministry also handles Social Welfare Department rolling out privileges for PWDs and administration of OKU Cards.

According to World Health Organisation, 15% of our world population (1.2 Billion) have some form of disabilities. Sports is a proven effective tool for the rehabilitation of PWDs, hence the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has launched a 10-year campaign as part of Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games on 19th August 2021, called “**WeThe15**”, to drive for an inclusive world. PCM uses this campaign as the cornerstone to spread the message that we have people with disabilities all around us.

President of PCM, Dato Sri Megat D Shahrman said, “We shall continue to play our part to support government initiatives to uplift the wellbeing of PWDs through sports. We have world class para-athletes who have achieved numerous successes. We also have a strong government support system in place to promote para-sports in the country. With her experiences in her former ministry, it is my sincere hope that YB Hannah will understand better the needs of PWDs and provide appropriate support to further drive Paralympic Movement in our country and eradicate the marginalization of PWDs.”

Dato Sri Megat also congratulates Minister of Education YB Fadhlina Sidek and Minister of Women, Family and Community Development YB Nancy Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri for their new jobs. He said, these 2 ministries are also key stakeholders of PCM, for the development of para-sports for children with disabilities in special schools and the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities through Social Welfare Department.

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