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## **TambahEMAS Project**

Our Prime Minister, YAB Dato Sri Anwar Ibrahim made a personal commitment when he announced during Anugerah Sukan Negara 2021 ceremony on 31 January 2023 that the government will embark on a special mission to secure our country's first gold medal during Paris 2024 Olympics Games. Paralympic Council Malaysia (PCM) is happy to take note that the Ministry of Youth & Sports (KBS) has taken steps to undertake this commitment and formed a special committee called "Road To Gold" to chase for OCM's First Gold.

As far as PCM is concerned we have already secured 6 golds medals at our Paralympic Games – 3 each during Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020. For our sustainable development, PCM embarked on a crowdfunding campaign called "TambahEMAS" launched on 13 January 2019 by YAB Dato' Seri Dr Wan Azizah Binti Wan Ismail, then the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia. Collection from this campaign is used to promote the Paralympic Movement from grassroot levels, as well as to help our para-athletes strive for excellence at national and international Paralympic competitions.

PCM acknowledges that current achievements of para-athletes are due to a long-term investment made by KBS for the development of para sports. KBS through National Sports Council (MSN) have assured PCM that actions will be taken through existing Podium Program to put extra efforts to provide opportunities for para sports athletes to secure more gold medals.

PCM will make requests for allocation of funds to ensure that these achievements are maintained and improved to secure more medals during Paris 2024 and onwards to Los Angeles 2028 up to Brisbane 2032. Our focus and funding requirements will be for administrative and operational purposes to ensure development programs under i-Talent, i-Train and Podium Programs are well supported by our internal management initiatives.