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HISTORIC COLLABORATION TO ELEVATE “WeThe15” COMMUNITY

Launched on 19 August 2021 at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, “WeThe15” is a universal campaign initiated by International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to bring about changes to the 15% of world population who are categorized as persons with disabilities.

Sports has proven itself as a powerful tool to bring about empowerment and inclusivity for persons with disabilities. In our country there are 3 major organisations involved in sports for the disabled community. They are Paralympic Council Malaysia, Malaysian Sports Deaf Association and Special Olympics Malaysia.

In the past these 3 organisations have not been working together to bring about changes to the disabled society through sports. We now want to work together along our respective organizational framework to seek for a collaborative approach to drive sports for persons with disabilities.

Government has enacted numerous laws and formulated policies to uplift the welfare of persons with disabilities through sports. However, these efforts have to be complemented with adequate resources to be provided to the bodies involved in sports for the disabled society. The achievements of the disabled society in sports are well known in our country. They have brought numerous great honours through these achievements.

The main objective of this MoU is to bring these 3 bodies together to develop better working relationship and to seek adequate sustainable funding from the government to support all initiatives.

Dato Sri Megat said, “As the 3 bodies are closely related in working towards sports for the disabled societies, we now have an understanding and shall develop strategic plans to achieve the outcomes of the government and our organisations.”

Dato Sri Megat said that all 3 bodies have agreed to present a common paper to the Prime Minister / Finance Minister expressing views for a better support system and to seek for funding over 5 years to support development plans.

He stressed that the main focus shall be towards maintaining a sustainable talent identification strategy and in creating a conducive support system in terms of human resources and logistical needs for the growth of sports for the disabled society. It shall be called a “5-Year Plan: Sports For Persons With Disability”.

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