



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Khazanah celebrates World Environment Day at Taman Tugu**

*Remains committed to helping Malaysia achieve its carbon-neutral target by 2050*

Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”) today celebrated the World Environment Day (“WED”), one of the largest environmental programmes under the United Nations Environment Programme (“UNEP”), at Taman Tugu.

WED is celebrated annually on 5 June and is the United Nations’ principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment. The theme for this year’s celebration is *Only One Earth*. This year’s celebration also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Environment that led to the creation of UNEP.

Taman Tugu, the site for this year’s celebration, is testimony of Khazanah’s commitment to preserving the environment and natural resources, which would support Malaysia in becoming a carbon-neutral nation by 2050.

Launched in 2018, Taman Tugu, an urban forest park located near Tugu Negara, Kuala Lumpur, is a not-for-profit corporate social responsibility initiative led by Khazanah with the support of various ministries and agencies and civil-society organisations.

Amanah Warisan Negara (“AWAN”), a national public trust founded by Khazanah, was subsequently set up to preserve, conserve, manage and operate Taman Tugu.

Prime Minister, Dato’ Sri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, launched the WED celebration at Taman Tugu.

Present were Khazanah Board members, including Dato’ Seri Azmin Ali, Senior Minister of International Trade and Industry and Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Aziz, Minister of Finance.

Also present were Dato’ Seri Dr. Shahidan Kassim, Minister of Federal Territories, Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, and Datuk Seri Hj. Mahadi Che Ngah, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, and members of the Board of Trustees of AWAN.

During his speech, Dato’ Sri Ismail Sabri, who is also Chairman of Khazanah, reiterated Malaysia’s commitment to its target of becoming a carbon-neutral nation by as early as 2050.



“In my keynote address at the recent Nikkei Conference in Japan, I gave my commitment that the government will enact climate change-related legislation towards achieving carbon neutral by 2050,” he said.

He added that Malaysia will also work with countries with similar visions through the *Asia Zero Emission Community*.

According to Dato’ Sri Ismail Sabri, as part of Malaysia’s commitment, the government, among others, is committed to preserving the natural forest, covering more than 50 per cent of its total land mass.

The government, he added, will also implement natural-based solutions to reduce long-term impact to the environment including planting of 100 million trees by 2025.

Towards this end, Dato’ Sri Ismail Sabri commended Khazanah on its role in preserving the 66-acres green lung located near Tugu Negara which offers respite to city dwellers and visitors alike.

“Taman Tugu symbolises the commitment of all parties to preserve the country’s natural heritage,” he said.

Meanwhile, Dato’ Amirul Feisal Wan Zahir, Managing Director of Khazanah and Chairman of the Board of Trustee of AWAN said: “Taman Tugu is one of many societal value initiatives undertaken by Khazanah over the years and forms part of our new long-term strategy under the ambit of *Advancing Malaysia*.”

He added that Khazanah will continue to undertake other societal value-related initiatives to deliver impactful outcomes for the nation.

“I am pleased to note that through Taman Tugu, we have not only managed to preserve and conserve the country’s flora and fauna but have also provided a recreational space for the public to further foster wholeness, well-being and greater inclusivity among Malaysians.

“This is in line with Khazanah’s societal goal of Building Capacities and Vibrant Communities,” he noted.

To commemorate the event, Dato’ Sri Ismail Sabri witnessed the handover of the Taman Tugu land agreement from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (“DBKL”) to AWAN. AWAN Board of Trustee,



Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar, received the land agreement from Kuala Lumpur Mayor, Datuk Seri Hj. Mahadi.

Dato' Amirul Feisal thanked the government for committing the land to AWAN, an idea which was first mooted by Khazanah in 2017, at the launch of the Taman Tugu project.

“This signifies the government’s commitment in protecting the environment and is a significant step towards ensuring Taman Tugu is preserved for future generations which would position Kuala Lumpur into a more sustainable, vibrant and livable city,” he said.

AWAN prides itself in preserving, conserving, managing Taman Tugu, making the park comparable to other green lungs in major first-world cities like Central Park in New York City and Hyde Park in London.

The WED celebration at Taman Tugu today is expected to attract about 3,000 visitors and will continue throughout June with a host of activities being planned for the public. The activities planned at Taman Tugu are meant to raise awareness on the conservation, preservation, and sustainability of public green spaces, as well as to enhance and strengthen community building efforts around the park that has attracted over 500,000 visitors since August 2018.

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### **About Khazanah Nasional Berhad**

Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”) is the sovereign wealth fund of Malaysia entrusted to deliver sustainable value for Malaysians. In line with its long-term strategy of *Advancing Malaysia*, Khazanah aims to deliver its purpose by investing in catalytic sectors, creating value through active stewardship, increasing its global presence, as well as building capacity and vibrant communities for the benefit of Malaysians. For more information on Khazanah, visit [www.khazanah.com.my](http://www.khazanah.com.my).

### **About Taman Tugu**

Taman Tugu is a not-for-profit corporate social responsibility initiative led by Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”) with the support of various government ministries, public sector agencies and civil-society organisations, especially the Federal Territories Ministry, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (“DBKL”), Department of Director General of Lands and Mines, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (“FRIM”) and Malaysian Nature Society (“MNS”). The Taman Tugu site is located near Tugu Negara, Kuala Lumpur and covers an area of 66 acres with a 6km forest trail, activation



spaces and public facilities for visitors. With over 5,000 indigenous trees and over 1,000 species of flora and fauna at the site, Taman Tugu acts as a carbon sink for the capital city. For more information on Taman Tugu, visit [www.tamantugu.my](http://www.tamantugu.my).

### **About Amanah Warisan Negara**

Amanah Warisan Negara (“AWAN”) is a national public trust founded by Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”) to preserve, conserve, manage and operate Taman Tugu, with a longer-term objective to undertake more projects that involve the rejuvenation, rehabilitation and/or operations of selected public spaces together with heritage assets of national significance – as inspired by the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty or commonly known as the National Trust UK.

### **About World Environment Day**

Celebrated on June 5 around the world annually, the World Environment Day (WED) is one of the largest environmental programmes under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) that fosters cooperation between government, business, civil society, schools, cities and various communities to raise awareness and action on environmental protection. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the first United Nations Conference on Environment that was held in Stockholm that led to the creation of UNEP and set 5 June each year as World Environment Day. This year’s WED theme - *Only One Earth*, highlights the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature and foster transformative change - towards a cleaner and greener lifestyle.