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Malaysian Red Crescent joins the International Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement to commemorate the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day – May, 8 themed “TOGETHER WE ARE #UNSTOPPABLE”

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 8 May 2021 – Today, we are celebrating World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day. This day is dedicated to staff and volunteers of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement that are reaching and supporting people affected by COVID-19, disasters and other humanitarian crises - a commitment to local community action that is “unstoppable”, its leaders said today.

In Malaysia, alongside the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Red Crescent staff and volunteers have been supporting communities during floods, fire, landslides, road accidents and many other emergency and challenging situations, bringing relief to human sufferings, helping to uplift those impacted by distressful conditions; and making a difference in the lives of others.

The National Chairperson of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society, Her Highness Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Binti Almarhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah said: “In this past year, COVID-19 has brought much fear and disruption into the lives of people across Malaysia. This has drastically changed the lives of people who were already affected by other risks and challenges, both in urban and rural settings.

“However, one thing has not changed; that is, the care and support provided by MRCS volunteers. Red Crescent volunteers have been working with these communities every day helping to bring relief and comfort as much as possible. In addition, they also help to build and improve their capacities and resilience by providing the necessary trainings and skills needed to help cope with emerging risks and challenges. Their commitment towards this is most certainly, unstoppable.”

The Movement is comprised of 192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies with 160,000 local branches and around 14 million volunteers worldwide, the ICRC, and the IFRC. It is estimated that one in every 636 people in the world is a Red Cross or Red Crescent volunteer

Together, the Red Cross and Red Crescent have reached 650 million people with health and hygiene promotion activities (one in every 12 people), 106 million people with water and sanitation work (1 in 72 people), have given food or in-kind assistance to some 79 million people (one in every 97 people), and more than one million people were connected with their families through phone or video calls, written or verbal messages.

Mr. Francesco Rocca, President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said: “There are many serious global challenges to address, such as COVID-19, the climate crisis, and support for people on the move.



"But today we have some 14 million reasons to celebrate: our unstoppable volunteers. Every individual act of kindness and support matters – regardless of how small it may seem. This collective local action has a massive global impact every day."

Mr. Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said: "Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers are on the front line of every crisis, sometimes at risk to their own safety. They work relentlessly, with and for communities to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the worst of situations, in armed conflict, disasters and other humanitarian crises.

"World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is our opportunity to pay them tribute, they are making a difference all over the world every day and ensure no one is left behind.

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About the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS):

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS), also known as the Malaysian Red Crescent, is a non-profit humanitarian organization, dedicated to voluntary service providing care and relief assistance to the needy and vulnerable communities. It provides a wide range of activities and services, from disaster response and relief; the 24hr emergency ambulance service; community, health and welfare services; to first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training programmes to the general public at large. Established by an Act of Parliament, the Society carries out its auxiliary role to support and assist the Government in times of peace and crisis situations.

The MRCS National Headquarters is based in Kuala Lumpur with 16 State branches and 152 District chapters supporting its operations throughout the country. On a global setting, the MRCS is an active Member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and works hand-in-hand with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as one of the 192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies dedicated to humanitarian services.

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Bulan Sabit Merah Malaysia bersama Pergerakan Antarabangsa Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah bagi memperingati sambutan Hari Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah Sedunia – 8 Mei yang bertema, “BERSAMA, KAMI #TIDAK DAPAT DIHENTIKAN”.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 8 Mei 2021 – Hari ini kami menyambut Hari Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah Sedunia. Hari ini didedikasikan kepada kakitangan dan sukarelawan Pergerakan Antarabangsa Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah yang sentiasa mendekati dan membantu golongan terkesan akibat COVID-19, bencana dan krisis kemanusiaan yang lain – dengan menunjukkan komitmen kepada komuniti setempat yang “Tidak Dapat Dihentikan”, kata pemimpin-pemimpin nya hari ini.

Di Malaysia, ketika menghadapi pandemik COVID-19, kakitangan dan sukarelawan Bulan Sabit Merah turut membantu komuniti yang terjejas akibat banjir, kebakaran, tanah runtuhan, kemalangan jalan raya dan situasi mencabar yang lain, dengan memberikan kelegaan kepada kesengsaraan manusia, membantu meningkatkan mereka yang terlibat dalam keadaan sedemikian yang membuat perbezaan dalam kehidupan orang lain.

Pengerusi Kebangsaannya, Yang Teramat Mulia Dato’ Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Binti Almarhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah berkata: “Pada tahun yang lalu, COVID-19 telah menimbulkan banyak ketakutan dan gangguan dalam kehidupan masyarakat di seluruh Malaysia. Ini telah membuat perubahan drastic dalam kehidupan masyarakat yang telahpun mengalami risiko dan cabaran, baik di kawasan bandar dan luar bandar.

“Walaubagaimanapun, satu perkara yang tidak berubah adalah penjagaan dan sokongan yang diberikan oleh sukarelawan Persatuan Bulan Sabit Merah Malaysia. Sukarelawan Bulan Sabit Merah telah bekerja dengan komuniti setempat setiap hari untuk memberikan kelegaan dan keselesaan sebaik mungkin. Selain itu, mereka juga membantu membangun dan meningkatkan kemampuan dan ketahanan mereka dengan memberikan latihan dan kemahiran yang diperlukan untuk membantu mengatasi risiko dan cabaran yang muncul”

Pergerakan terdiri daripada 192 Persatuan Kebangsaan Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah dengan 160,000 cawangan tempatan dan 14 juta sukarelawan di seluruh dunia termasuk Jawatankuasa Antarabangsa Palang Merah (ICRC) dan Persekutuan Antarabangsa Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah (IFRC). Dianggarkan bahawa satu dari setiap 636 orang di dunia adalah sukarelawan Palang Merah atau Bulan Sabit Merah.

Bersama-sama Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah telah membantu 650 juta orang diseluruh dunia melalui promosi kesihatan dan kebersihan (nisbah 1 daripada 12 orang), bantuan air bersih dan kerja sanitasi kepada 106 juta (nisbah 1 daripada 72 orang), edaran dalam bentuk makanan kepada kepada 79 juta orang (1 daripada 97 orang), dan lebih daripada 1 juta orang telah dihubungkan dengan keluarga mereka yang terpisah melalui telefon atau panggilan video, secara bertulis atau mesej lisan.



Mr. Francesco Rocca, Presiden Persekutuan Antarabangsa Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah (IFRC) berkata: "Terdapat banyak cabaran dunia untuk kita ketengahkan seperti COVID-19, krisis perubahan iklim, dan sokongan kepada orang yang bergerak dari satu tempat ke satu tempat.

"Tetapi hari ini kami mempunyai 14 juta sebab untuk meraikan: sukarelawan kami yang tiada dapat dihenti. Setiap kebaikan dan sokongan individu adalah penting - tanpa mengira kecil atau besar sumbangan mereka. Tindakan kolektif ini memberi impak yang sangat besar kepada dunia setiap hari."

Mr. Peter Maurer, Presiden Jawatankuasa Antarabangsa Palang Merah (ICRC) berkata: "Kakitangan dan sukarelawan Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah adalah barisan hadapan dalam setiap krisis, adakah dengan menghadapi risiko kepada diri mereka sendiri. Mereka bekerja tanpa henti bersama-sama dengan komuniti untuk mencegah dan mengurangkan kesengsaraan manusia ketika situasi terburuk, konflik bersenjata, bencana dan krisis kemanusiaan yang lain.

"Hari Palang Merah dan Bulan Sabit Merah Sedunia adalah peluang kami untuk memberi penghormatan kepada mereka kerana mereka sedang melakukan perubahan di seluruh dunia pada setiap hari dan memastikan tiada sesiapa yang ketinggalan".

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