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AVPN & Yayasan Hasanah Bring Annual Global Conference 2023 to Malaysia

Titled “Global Challenges: Asian Solutions” and delivered in partnership with The Hasanah Forum 2023, it will host more than 1,000 delegates to convene on pertinent social impact challenges specific to Asia

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 May 2023 – AVPN, the largest network of social investors active in Asia, today announced the upcoming AVPN Global Conference 2023, Asia’s largest social investment conference that gathers global and Asian investors, funders, philanthropists, policymakers, as well as Limited Partners1, marking the first time that this annual conference is held in Malaysia.

Taking place in Kuala Lumpur from 20 to 22 June 2023 and co-hosted with Yayasan Hasanah, the foundation of Malaysian sovereign wealth fund Khazanah Nasional, the AVPN Global Conference focuses on putting Asian voices at the forefront of global discourse. Titled Global Challenges: Asian Solutions, the conference will focus on Asian leadership to address urgent issues in gender, climate, healthcare and livelihoods through collaboration and community ownership.

Also happening in parallel is The Hasanah Forum (THF), Malaysia’s premier social impact conference organised by Yayasan Hasanah. In its debut in 2021, THF urged the social impact sector to reconsider what it means to do good - from seeing it as an act of charity, to an act that champions justice for the people. This year, themed “Fostering Justice-Based Philanthropy: Shifting the Narrative to Action”, this second edition of THF will build on those discussions to drive real-world action.

Naina Subberwal Batra, CEO of AVPN said, “there is urgency to collectively address the critical needs and burning issues in our region. The AVPN Global Conference is organised to bring together delegates who are interested in social impact, to find partners, be inspired by what has been achieved, and learn from best practices across Asia. AVPN has always championed collaboration and partnerships and truly Asian models for driving social impact. The conference is the best place to witness the formation and announcement of new partnerships, the innovation of catalytic funding vehicles, and ultimately the movement of more capital towards impact in our region.”

Dato’ Shahira Ahmed Bazari, Trustee and Managing Director of Yayasan Hasanah, said “we are pleased to work in partnership with a social investor network like AVPN,

1 Includes asset managers, family offices, and institutional investors.
which has a global reach and an Asian impact focus. We look forward to providing the
global and regional delegates with a deeper understanding of the Malaysian social
investment context with the wider Asia region. As the convenor, collaborator, and catalyst
for change in the social impact sector, we see it as our responsibility to bring to Malaysia
the most current conversations to be had in this space and we can't think of a better
conference to host."

AVPN, with more than 600 diverse members across 33 markets, enables collaborations
between policy makers, family offices, foundations and the private sector, bringing to
bear the field needs, knowledge, and policy environment, and to increase the impact and
flow of capital deployed towards closing the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) gaps
in Asia.

Taking place alongside the AVPN Global Conference 2023 is The Hasanah Forum, the
flagship event of Yayasan Hasanah, which aims to provide delegates with a deeper
understanding of the Malaysian social investment context and its position within the
wider Asia region.

The three-day AVPN Global Conference 2023 expects to see over 1,000 attendees from
more than 40 markets convening and networking across the various plenaries and
sessions, impact live showcases, workshops and masterclasses, and many other
activities. This year's attendees can expect to hear from an array of industry experts, such
as Ajay Piramal (Piramal Foundation), Cathy Marsh (Asian Development Bank), Dato'
Amirul Feisal Wan Zahir (Khazanah Nasional Berhad), Eric Rice (BlackRock), Gabriel Leung
(Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust), Kathleen Chew (YTL Foundation), Pamela
Alexander (KKR), Rob Rosen (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), Stephen Lee (Nuveen &
TIAA Investments), and many others. For more information about the conference, please
visit https://avpn.asia/conference/.

Meanwhile, The Hasanah Forum aims to bring forward key best practices and learnings
in the region to Malaysia via a knowledge exchange, catalysing action-oriented
conversations and nurturing thought leadership amidst the changing face of
philanthropy towards real-world action. This year, attendees would hear best practices
from leaders and doers in the social impact ecosystem; across civil society organisations,
social enterprises, corporations, policymakers and academia, such as Datuk Johan
Mahmood Merican (Ministry of Finance, Malaysia), Ng Boon Heong (Temasek
Foundation), Anshu Gupta (Goonj), Cliff Prior (Global Steering Group for Impact Investing),
Louise Pulford (Social Innovation Exchange, SIX), Dato’ Seri Paduka Maimunah Mohd
Sharif (UN-Habitat), Ganesh Muren (Saora Industries), Prof. Tan Sri Dr. Jemilah Mahmood
(Sunway University Malaysia), Matthew Smith (Fortify Rights), Rashvin Pal Singh (Biji-biji
Initiative), Dr. Ruth Shapiro (Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society, CAPS), Pritha
Venkatachalam (The Bridgespan Group), Dr. J. Satrijo Tanudjojo (Tanoto Foundation). To
watch the free livestream, sign up at thf.yayasanhasanah.org.
About AVPN

Asia Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) is the largest network of social investors in Asia, comprising over 600 diverse members across 33 markets. Our mission is to increase the flow and effectiveness of financial, human, and intellectual capital in Asia by enabling members to channel resources towards impact. As an ecosystem builder, AVPN connects, learns, acts, and leads across key pillars and improves the effectiveness of capital deployed; bringing to bear the local field needs, regional expertise, and policy insights.

For more information about AVPN and our work, please visit our website and read our latest Annual Review 2021/22.

About Yayasan Hasanah

Yayasan Hasanah (Hasanah) is the impact-based foundation of Khazanah Nasional Berhad (Khazanah), the sovereign wealth fund of Malaysia. Hasanah was set up as an independent entity on 1 July 2015, building on nine years of Corporate Responsibility efforts previously driven by Khazanah. As a grant-giving organisation, Hasanah goes beyond ringgit and sen to facilitate an ecosystem of transformation, working in collaboration with multiple stakeholders, infusing a spirit of advocacy and building capacity in five key focus areas: Education; Community Development; Environment; Arts and Public Spaces; and Knowledge. Collectively and collaboratively, Hasanah hopes to shift the needle of social and community reform for Malaysians, towards advancing Malaysia. For further information, visit www.yayasanhasanah.org.

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