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The Hasanah Forum 2023 invites changemakers to redefine philanthropy in Malaysia and beyond

*Prime Minister YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim to deliver Closing Keynote Address*

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – 7 June 2023 - Yayasan Hasanah (Hasanah), the Foundation of Khazanah Nasional, announces The Hasanah Forum (THF) 2023, Malaysia's leading social impact event, taking place from 20-22 June. Under the theme of *Fostering Justice-Based Philanthropy: Shifting the Narrative to Action*, THF 2023 brings together influential leaders and practitioners from the social impact ecosystem; including civil society organisations, social enterprises, corporations, policymakers, and academia. The goal of the forum is to facilitate action-oriented conversations and cultivate thought leadership within the evolving landscape of philanthropy leading to tangible socio-economic impact to society.

Dato’ Shahira Ahmed Bazari, Trustee & Managing Director of Yayasan Hasanah, shared, "In our debut in 2021, THF prompted us to reconsider the concept of 'doing good' by moving beyond a charity mindset, and instead advocating for rights and justice-lensed interventions. This year, in the forum’s second edition, the focus is on translating narratives into tangible action. So, whether new to making a difference or a seasoned changemaker, we invite all individuals to join the conversation in reshaping the steps we take, steering philanthropy and impact innovations towards our shared vision - a Malaysia that is more progressive and inclusive.”

**Global Partnerships, Localised Actions for Malaysia**

Happening in parallel with THF is the Asia Venture Philanthropy Network, or AVPN, Global Conference 2023, Asia’s largest social investment conference that gathers global and Asian investors, funders, philanthropists, policymakers, as well as Limited Partners, marking the first time that this annual conference is held in Malaysia. Co-hosted by Yayasan Hasanah this year, the AVPN Global Conference 2023 focuses on putting Asian voices at the forefront of global discourse. As part of this partnership, THF 2023 sessions are incorporated into the offerings of the AVPN Global Conference for its international delegates.

In support of the collaboration, Yayasan Hasanah presents three distinctive Malaysian initiatives and experiences to delegates:
- **The Impact Marketplace**: A physical exhibit showcasing Yayasan Hasanah partners, NGOs, and investment-ready local social enterprises. This platform connects targeted investors with businesses that generate positive social and environmental impact. This is in line with the [Malaysia Social Entrepreneurship Blueprint 2030](https://www.semy2030.org/) (SEMy2030), to mainstream social enterprises as an effective contributor to the country’s socioeconomic development.

- **Mental Health Pool Fund for Youths**: AVPN will be announcing the Asian Youth Mental Wellbeing Fund focusing on mental health and well-being for vulnerable youths. The fund is expected to bring a capital injection into the country to drive pertinent work in the domain, to be launched by [YB Hannah Yeoh, Minister of Youth & Sports](https://www.pkb.gov.my/en/berita/2023/06/22) on June 22.

- **A Taste of Malaysia’s Arts, Heritage, & Culture**: Among highlights is "Imagining Ali Wallace", a curated, immersive visual experience into the untold journey of Ali Wallace, the trusted companion of naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace during his explorations in collecting bird specimens in Southeast Asia. Ideated by Hasanah’s Head of Arts & Public Spaces, Zainariah Johari and produced by Malaysian artists Nandita Solomon and Dain Said, by intertwining Ali’s ethnicity, language, community, and culture with Wallace’s renowned book "The Malay Archipelago," this showcase celebrates Wallace’s research findings and honours Ali’s spirit, transcending boundaries and captivating the audience with an extraordinary tale. Also performing at the conference are Temple of Fine Arts, Genius Seni, and musicians supported under Hasanah’s Cultural Frontliners initiative, who performed at selected Covid-19 vaccination centres.

**Diverse Voices at THF 2023**
The three-day event will focus on three key levers of change: People and Institutions, People and Society, and People and Leadership; addressing critical questions such as collaboration for systemic change, overcoming challenges of disconnected decision-making, role of intervening actors in empowering communities, nurturing courageous leaders, and professionalising the social impact sector. The forum features a diverse pool of speakers from various backgrounds, with [Prime Minister YAB Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim](https://www.pka.gov.my/en) scheduled to deliver the closing remarks on 22 June.

To date, featured speakers include YB Hannah Yeoh (Minister of Youth & Sports, Malaysia), Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican (Ministry of Finance, Malaysia), Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar (Bursa Malaysia Berhad), Tunku Alizakri Alias (Malaysia Venture Capital Management Berhad, MAVCAP), Dato’ Amirul Feisal Wan Zahir (Khazanah Nasional Berhad) 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), Dato’ Shahira Ahmed Bazari (Yayasan Hasanah), 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), and Dr. J. Satrijo Tanudjojo (Tanoto Foundation).
Hard Conversations, Collaborative Actions
Recognising the interconnectedness of socio-economic challenges such as poverty, climate change, and conflict, which perpetuate inequality, THF acknowledges that these issues cannot be resolved by governments alone. Active engagement from civil society, businesses shouldering their responsibilities, and empowered individuals are vital to addressing these challenges. THF serves as a clarion call to action for changemakers at all levels of society, offering attendees a unique opportunity to listen, engage in dialogue, and gain new perspectives.

Since the foundation’s inception in 2015, Yayasan Hasanah has impacted over 2.4 million people and catalysed over 470 partners across more than 600 on-ground programmes throughout Malaysia. Shahira attributes these milestones to the power of strategic collaborations and support from the public, private, and people (civil society) sector.

Likewise, Shahira eagerly anticipates exciting new partnerships forged at the forum, regardless of how unconventional they may be. "It's time we break free from working in isolation and join forces in harnessing and leveraging collective wisdom within the social impact sector. Through shared efforts, we can transform good intentions into measurable, impactful outcomes. With THF, our goal is to establish a platform that brings together diverse stakeholders to exchange knowledge and translate intentions into tangible results, as humanity progresses forward."

Join the conversation in person at the KL Convention Centre from June 20 to 22 for a dynamic double event: The Hasanah Forum and the AVPN Global Conference. This year, Yayasan Hasanah is proud to co-host the AVPN Global Conference, marking its first-ever appearance in Malaysia, where an exclusive ticket price for Malaysians awaits. Alternatively, reserve your virtual seat for The Hasanah Forum livestream, accessible online for free. To grab event tickets OR sign up for free access to THF livestreams, visit thf.yayasanhasanah.org.

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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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Dalam menyokong kolaborasi ini, Yayasan Hasanah menyajikan tiga inisiatif dan pengalaman unik dari Malaysia, khas untuk para peserta delegasi:

- **The Impact Marketplace:** Pameran fizikal yang memamerkan rakan-rakan kerjasama Yayasan Hasanah, NGO dan perusahaan sosial tempatan yang bersedia untuk menerima pelaburan. Platform ini menghubungkan para pelabur khusus dengan bisnes yang menghasilkan impak positif dalam lingkungan sosial atau alam sekitar. Inisiatif ini seiring dengan Malaysia Social Entrepreneurship Blueprint 2030 (SEMy2030), untuk mengarusperdanakan perusahaan sosial sebagai penyumbang efektif dalam pembangunan sosial-ekonomi negara.

- **Dana ‘Pool Fund’ untuk Kesejahteraan Mental Belia:** AVPN akan mengumumkan dana Asian Youth Mental Wellbeing Fund yang berfokus pada keselamatan dan sejahteraan mental bagi anak muda dari golongan rentan. Dana pool fund ini diharapkan untuk membawa suntikan modal ke dalam negara untuk mendorong usaha yang penting dalam bidang ini, di mana ia akan dilancarkan oleh YB Hannah Yeoh, Menteri Belia & Sukan pada 22 Jun.


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**Suara-Suara Pelbagai di THF 2023**

Acara selama tiga hari ini akan memberikan fokus kepada tiga pemacu perubahan utama: People and Institutions, People and Society, dan People and Leadership; membincangkan soal-soal penting seperti kerjasama untuk perubahan sistem, memastikan keputusan yang mengambil kira pihak terlibat, peranan pelaku intervensi dalam memberdayakan komuniti, memupuk pemimpin yang berani, dan memprofesionalisasikan sektor impak sosial. Forum ini menampilkan penceramah dan ahli panelis daripada pelbagai latar belakang, dan YAB Perdana Menteri Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim turut dijadualkan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penutup pada 22 Jun.

Setakat ini, antara penceramah dan ahli panelis jemputan yang ditampilkan adalah YB Hannah Yeoh (Menteri Belia & Sukan, Malaysia), Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican (Kementerian Kewangan, Malaysia), Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar (Bursa Malaysia Berhad), Tunku Alizakri Alias (Malaysia Venture Capital Management Berhad, MAVCAP), Dato’ Amirul Feisal Wan Zahir (Khazanah Nasional Berhad), Ng Boon Heong (Temasek Foundation), Anshu Gupta (Goonj), Cliff Prior (Global Steering Group for Impact Investing), Louise Pulford (Social Innovation Exchange,
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Perbincangan Kritikal, Tindakan Kolaboratif
Mengakui keterhubungan masalah sosioekonomi seperti kemiskinan, perubahan iklim, dan konflik yang menurus kepada ketidakseimbangan, THF mengakui bahawa isu-isu ini tidak dapat diselesaikan oleh pihak kerajaan semata-mata. Namun penglibatan aktif dari masyarakat sivil, perniagaan yang menggalas tanggungjawab mereka, dan individu yang berdaya adalah penting dalam menghadapi cabaran cabaran ini. Justeru, THF menjadi seruan untuk bertindak buat pencetus perubahan di semua peringkat masyarakat, memberikan peluang unik kepada peserta untuk mendengar, terlibat dalam perbincangan, dan mendapatkan sudut pandang baharu.

Sejak penubuhannya pada tahun 2015, Yayasan Hasanah telah memberi impak kepada lebih 2.4 juta orang dan memangkin lebih 470 rakan kolaborasi merentasi lebih 600 program di seluruh Malaysia. Melihat pencapaian ini, Shahira menekankan bahawa kuncinya terletak pada kekuatan kerjasama strategik di samping sokongan dari sektor awam, swasta, dan masyarakat sivil.

Oleh itu, Shahira menjangkakan banyak kerjasama baharu akan terjalin menerusi forum ini, yang mungkin menjangkau kolaborasi konvensional. "Sudah tiba masanya kita membebaskan diri dari berkerja bersendirian, dan sebaliknya bersatu untuk mengumpul dan memanfaatkan kebijaksanaan kolektif kita dalam sektor impak sosial. Melalui usaha bersama, niat baik kita dapat dipupuk menjadi hasil yang dapat diukur dan membawa perubahan dalam THF, tujuan kami adalah untuk membina platform yang menghimpun pemegang taruh yang pelbagai untuk saling pertukaran pengetahuan dan menerjemahkan niat mereka menjadi hasil yang nyata, di kala manusia melangkah menjadi lebih progresif."


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Tentang Yayasan Hasanah
Yayasan Hasanah (“Hasanah”) merupakan sebuah yayasan berasaskan impak di bawah Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”), dana kekayaan berdaulat Malaysia. Hasanah lahir sebagai sebuah yayasan penganugerahan geran bebas pada 1 Julai 2015; sebuah kesinambungan kepada usaha Tanggungjawab Korporat (CR) yang sebelumnya dipacu oleh Khazanah untuk sembilan tahun. Sebagai organisasi penganugerahan geran, Hasanah menjangkau lebih daripada wang ringgit untuk memudahkan ekosistem transformasi, bekerjasama dengan pelbagai pihak berkepentingan,
menanamkan semangat advokasi dan membina kemampuan dalam lima bidang tumpuan utamanya: Pendidikan; Pembangunan Komuniti; Alam Sekitar; Kesenian & Ruang Awam; dan Pengetahuan. Secara kolektif dan kolaboratif, Hasanah berharap dapat menggerakkan anjakan reformasi sosial dan masyarakat untuk rakyat Malaysia, ke arah memajukan Malaysia. Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila layari www.yayasanhasanah.org

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