FGV and Project Liber8 Collaborate to Raise Awareness on Child Trafficking



LAHAD DATU, 22 June 2022 – In conjunction with World Day Against Child Labour, FGV Holdings Berhad (FGV) and Project Liber8 co-organised a workshop to promote greater awareness and understanding on the issue of child trafficking and child labour among students from the public schools in Lahad Datu and FGV's Community Learning Centres (CLCs). The workshop saw the support and participation of the Sabah Education Department.



The workshop was held at Felda Residence Sahabat and it was facilitated by Project Liber8, a non-governmental organisation aimed to raise public awareness on human trafficking. The workshop was participated by approximately 117 students and teachers, and 15 personnel from FGV. Also present were Encik Mohd Sarian Md Sahid, FGV's Group Divisional Director of Plantation Sector, Ms. New Su Shern, Executive Director of Project Liber8, Tuan Haji Abdul Sani Paijo, Principal Assistant Director for School Management Sector (Secondary and Form Six Unit) of Sabah State Education Department, and Encik Edy Joko Yulianto, Indonesian Liaison Officer representing the Indonesian Consulate in Tawau.

FGV Group Divisional Director of Plantation Sector, Encik Mohd Sarian Md Sahid said, "FGV respects child rights and is fully committed to contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including on eliminating child labour. We recognise that businesses have an obligation to play an important role in this regard and FGV has worked on various programmes and initiatives to promote child rights and child protection, including the establishment of the CLCs with support from the Indonesian Government and development of relevant company policies."



From left: Encik Mohd Sarian Mohd Sahid, FGV Group Divisional Director of Plantation Sector with Ms. New Su Shern, Executive Director of Project Liber8

He also mentioned that the raising awareness is one of several aspects of FGV's initiative to further strengthen its child protection programme, which is an integral component of FGV's commitment under the National Pledge against Child Labour.

Project Liber8's Executive Director, Ms. New Su Shern said, "Child trafficking is a process which may lead to child labour and forced labour, and such crimes can be prevented with sufficient awareness among the public especially children. Children too can play a role in protecting themselves against child trafficking and at the same time, protect others too including their friends and families. It is with this notion that we continue to conduct similar programmes for students across Malaysia."

The interactive session brought together students from the primary and secondary schools in Lahad Datu and students from FGV's CLCs, accompanied by their teachers. The session focused on activities with students to explain what is child rights and examples of actions which could be taken by children when facing situations of child trafficking.

Recognising the importance of awareness among children on child trafficking, FGV has formalised its adoption of the Advoc8 Module on Child Trafficking developed by Project Liber8. Following the adoption of the module, it will be implemented across FGV's CLCs. FGV and Project Liber8 emphasised their continued commitment to play a meaningful role in instilling awareness among children and contribute to the elimination of child labour.



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