

FGV Launches SMART4Climate National Essay Writing Competition, Advocates Climate Change Awareness Among Malaysians

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KUALA LUMPUR, 8 October 2021 - FGV Holdings Berhad (FGV), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Water (KASA), launches a national essay writing competition today under SMART4Climate, FGV's inaugural climate awareness and education campaign.

Named 'Write4Climate', the writing competition aims to advocate climate change awareness

among Malaysians and will run until 30 November 2021. Participants are free to choose a topic that is relevant to the theme 'Malaysia's Role in Keeping the World Below 1.5°C'.

Mohd Nazrul Izam Mansor, FGV's Group Chief Executive Officer said, Write4Climate will provide an avenue for aspiring writers to express thoughts and recommendations with regards to global climate change issues.

"The pen is mightier than the sword. At FGV, we believe the Write4Climate competition will provide a constructive platform to help increase climate action awareness among Malaysians, especially the youth. By encouraging freedom of expression through writing on critical global issues such as climate change, youths are empowered to become the catalyst of nation-building and to contribute to the national climate agenda," said Mohd Nazrul.

Write4Climate is organised in conjunction with the upcoming National Environment Day on 21 October 2021, as well as the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) which will take place in Glasgow, Scotland in November this year. The contest is open to secondary school students aged 13 to 17 and the public aged 18 and above.

Essay entries may be submitted in English or Bahasa Melayu under the competition's student or public categories. Under each category, the winner will receive RM1,500, while the first and second runner-up will receive RM1,000 and RM500 respectively. Consolation prizes of RM200 each will be awarded to ten selected entries, and all participants will receive a certificate of participation from FGV.

Speaking on its collaboration with KASA, Mohd Nazrul said, "We believe concerted actions by the government and private sector will further accelerate the success of the country's climate agenda. We are delighted to have KASA as our dynamic partner for this competition, as their support adds tremendous value and impact to our climate awareness programmes.

"We hope the launch of Write4Climate will inspire more companies to join us in driving nationwide climate awareness," continued Mohd Nazrul.

FGV welcomes and supports the recently announced 12th Malaysia Plan that puts great emphasis on sustainability and climate action. Commenting on this, Mohd Nazrul stated that the national plan was timely and necessary in addressing the climate emergency set by the sixth assessment report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

"FGV applauds the government's underlining commitment to sustainability that allows Malaysia to fully drive climate action initiatives. We hope the realisation of the plan will pave the way for the country's transition and adoption of a low carbon economy," said Mohd Nazrul.

In September 2021, FGV announced its commitment to science-based targets and net-zero ambition, making it Malaysia's first food and agriculture company to commit to such ambitious carbon reduction targets. These targets are in line with the latest climate science to limit global temperature rise at 1.5°C.

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