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MALAYSIA RECOGNISED AT PHAM 2025 FOR FORTHCOMING NATIONAL PLANETARY HEALTH ACTION PLAN

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 October 2025 – Malaysia earned international recognition at the 2025 Planetary Health Annual Meeting (PHAM) in Rotterdam on Tuesday (7 October 2025) for its forthcoming National Planetary Health Action Plan (NPHAP). PHAM is organised annually by the Planetary Health Alliance.

This acknowledgement places Malaysia among a select group of nations applauded for advancing bold, science-based approaches to protect both human and environmental health. This endorsement signals strong international confidence in Malaysia's commitment to planetary health and highlights the country's proactive stance on the subject matter.

The NPHAP, mandated in 2022 by the National Science Council through the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), was developed by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) and serves as Malaysia's blueprint for realigning development within planetary boundaries. It is a Whole-of-Nation framework shaped with input from scientists, policymakers, civil society, youth, and business.

The recognition is delivered by the Faculty Director of Planetary Health Alliance, Professor Dr Samuel Myers, to the Chairperson of NPHAP, Academician Professor Emerita Datuk Dr Asma Ismail FASc, accompanied by ASM CEO, Puan Hazami Habib and Chairperson for the Values, Cultural Shift of Society, Behavioural Changes and Communication Pillar of NPHAP, Professor Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood.

Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Yang Berhormat Tuan Chang Lih Kang, in his special pre-recorded message for PHAM 2025, said, "This honour strengthens our resolve to stand with the global community in safeguarding the health of both people and planet. This blueprint, grounded in years of evidence, is designed to balance human well-being, environmental sustainability and economic resilience."

"Through NPHAP, scientific evidence will guide national policies that improve the quality of life of people while simultaneously protecting nature, in our effort to create long-term, sustainable economic opportunities. Its vision seeks to ensure continuing benefits while preserving nature's resources for future generations," added President of ASM and STI Advisor for the Prime Minister and the Nation, Academician Datuk Dr Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen FASc.

The Executive Director of Planetary Health Alliance, Dr Rachel Marcus, remarked, “Malaysia’s forthcoming NPHAP exemplifies the proactive measures needed to advance planetary health worldwide. We are proud to spotlight Malaysia’s initiative and anticipate its positive impact.”

The NPHAP outlines Malaysia’s path toward a healthier planet and society, anchored in six Key Result Areas, driven by 53 strategies and 222 action plans. It will be introduced at the upcoming National Planetary Health Forum.

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