

EDUCATION



YSD endeavours to offer wisdom, expertise and assistance at all levels of education to promote and advance what people believe they can achieve, especially the underprivileged. YSD supports initiatives that reduce gaps in accessing quality education between urban and rural societies, and to improve access to basic education for the marginalised. The Foundation also strives to support national policies with the aim to improve the Malaysian education system.

The amount committed since inception (1982):

RM430.1 million

The number of ongoing education programmes:

34

The number of scholarship and bursary recipients (FY2023):

292 scholars

The number of organisations supported (FY2023):

15

SCHOLARS' TESTIMONIALS



Ong Jiaying

YSD Excellence Scholarship Programme

Bachelor of Science (Computer Science), The University of British Columbia

Although it has only been a year, becoming a YSD scholar and studying over 12,600 km away from home has been life-changing. I experienced cultural shocks, pushed past my comfort zone, took leaps of faith, endured cutting rejections, and savoured satisfying victories. One of the valuable assets YSD afforded me was online learning access through the UdeMy Business subscription, which I used to improve my programming skills. I'm currently using this knowledge to build a tool for Malay learners to improve their English and vice versa, to bridge the language gap between Malaysians and the anglosphere. I'm driven to keep growing every day because of YSD's support.

Tan Qiao Xin

YSD Special Needs Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (Hons), MAHSA University

Note: Tan Qiao Xin is an exceptional YSD scholar with remarkable achievements, showcasing resilience and capabilities despite having a physical disability.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to YSD for the bursary award and the countless opportunities it has brought me since. I was also fortunate to gain access to the YSD THRIVE Programme, a unique experience providing valuable mentoring sessions to guide me in my future career path. This programme provided emotional and mental health support and enabled me to understand myself better and become the person I aspire to be. I believe in the educational journey; you can rest, cry, and be weak, but you should never give up on something you genuinely want. Perseverance holds the key to achieving success.





Muhammad Weeldan Bin Md Fauzi

YSD Special Needs Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Heritage, International Islamic University Malaysia

Note: Muhammad Weeldan is an inspiring individual with remarkable achievements, showcasing his determination and capabilities despite being visually impaired.

The YSD scholarship has been instrumental in my personal growth and connecting with new people. Inspired by YSD's humanitarian spirit, I participated in a flood relief volunteering programme, organising donation drives to collect essential items such as food, water, clothing, and toiletries for those affected by recent floods. I also had the privilege of assisting fellow YSD scholars who are visually impaired with their daily errands, including shopping for groceries and navigating transportation. These experiences taught me the importance of empathy, tenacity, and the value of inclusive community participation.

Fauziah binti Pathorrasi

YSD Special Support Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Management, Universiti Putra Malaysia

Receiving YSD's scholarship has allowed me to pursue my education and alleviated my parents' financial strain, as they work as a school cleaner and a road contractor, respectively. As a scholar, I have access to an excellent educational development initiative, the YSD THRIVE #WECARE4U Programme. Tailored for bursary students from B40 families like mine, the programme ensures equal opportunities for knowledge and exposure to industry experts, directly impacting my personal growth. Through this initiative, I have expanded my network by connecting with resourceful mentors and scholars from other institutions. Additionally, I had the privilege to intern at YSD, where I gained invaluable knowledge and skills from the dedicated and driven team at YSD.





Nor Azmi bin Lawrence

YSD Special Support Bursary Programme

Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Universiti Malaya

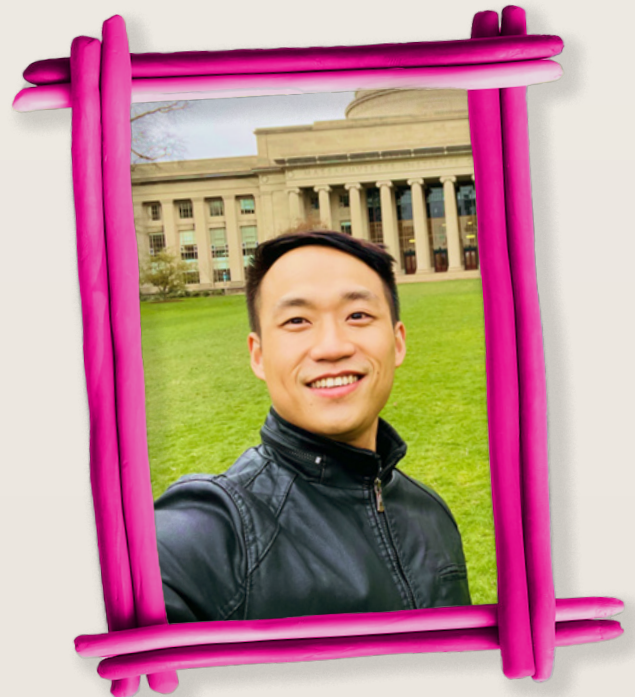
YSD’s support has allowed me to broaden my perspectives and achieve new heights in my academic journey through the YSD THRIVE - Rising Talent #WECARE4U Programme. The comprehensive programme offers initiatives ranging from spirituality to leadership, creating a safe space for YSD scholars to engage in mature discussions. It has shown me the importance of other people’s life experiences in shaping character development, which is crucial for real-life problem-solving. This training will be invaluable throughout my lifelong journey, both inside and outside the classroom.

Desmond Chang Kuok Lim

Regional Manager – Group Corporate Assurance, Greater China, Sime Darby Berhad, Employees Education Programme

MBA for Working Professionals, Asia School of Business in collaboration with MIT Sloan Management

Reflecting on my MBA journey, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and humility. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to YSD for their unwavering support and sponsorship, which has made this incredible learning experience possible. Throughout the programme, I had the privilege of engaging with a diverse and vibrant community of like-minded individuals, industry experts, and esteemed academics across the world. The programme offered a blend of rigorous coursework, real-world case studies, and action-learning opportunities, challenging me to think critically, ask the right questions, and develop innovative solutions to complex problems. Beyond the academic rigour, YSD provided ample opportunities for self-discovery and personal growth, helping me embrace my strengths and weaknesses to become a more confident and empathetic leader.





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**SCHOLARS WITH
DISABILITIES**



79%

**OF SCHOLARS ARE
FROM LOW-INCOME
FAMILIES**



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YSD scholarship programmes:*



KEEPING OUR KIDS IN SCHOOL

In 2023, the report of nearly 30,000 Malaysian students not sitting for the SPM examinations prompted a heated debate, shedding light on the alarming dropout rates in the country. As a foundation committed to providing access to quality education, this issue hits close to home, further driving YSD’s resolve to address this country-wide problem.

Since June 2021, YSD has been working closely with the Kedah State Government and the State Education Department (JPN) to address school disengagement and dropout issues in Kedah, with the expertise of Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), led by Prof Dr Rosna Awang

Hashim. YSD’s funding of RM450,000 has enabled UUM to accelerate actions on the ground, including policy enforcement and improvement, in line with the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025.

YSD’s primary objective is to implement early interventions for identified at-risk students, with the ultimate aim of reducing school dropouts and increasing the number of students attending SPM examinations in Kedah. The success of the pilot project in Kedah is expected to pave the way for the replication of this project in other states across the country.



THE APPROACH:

- Inclusive early detection framework
- Consistent communication and active participation of community leaders to address dropout issue
- Komitmen Negeri Kedah Mendidik Pelajar Sukses (KOMPas) pilot project
- MyBuddy mobile application for timely access to, and analysis of education data while on the go
- 6 secondary schools in Kubang Pasu, Baling and Langkawi



PROGRESS TO-DATE:

- 12 site visits and focus group discussions with 125 respondents, including parents, teachers, and school representatives
- 18 engagement sessions with 180 B40 identified students
- A 3-day motivational programme mentored by 83 UUM students
- In December 2022, YSD and UUM received constructive feedback and commitments from the state representatives, JPN Kedah, schoolteachers, counsellors and PDRM
- MOE’s SUDI 2.0 initiative had facilitated UUM’s intervention module with key stakeholders and community leaders
- In February 2023, RM360,000 back-to-school aid were distributed to 1,800 students as part of the project’s education engagement
- In July 2023, MyBuddy training sessions were conducted for JPN Kedah officers, District Education Offices (PPD) officers, and selected school counsellors





YSD CEO Dr Yatela together with Prof Dr Rosna visited YB Brigedier Jeneral (B) Dato' Haji Najmi Bin Haji Ahmad, Kedah State Education Exco, and Tn Hj Rozaini Ahmad, Kedah JPN Director, with various other important stakeholders to discuss mitigation plans and actions on the ground for school dropouts in Kedah.



KOMPAS YSD Engagement Session on 12 March 2023 at Kedah State Education Department office.



YSD distributed back-to-school aid at 6 secondary schools in Kedah in collaboration with UUM.



UUM researchers attending progress coordination workshop.

KOMPas YSD engagement and mentoring sessions with 180 identified students.



ENVIRONMENT

YSD dedicates itself to the protection and preservation of the environment and conservation of biodiversity, while preserving landscape and seascape. Priority is given to vulnerable and/or endangered species and the preservation of forest reserves and marine parks. The Foundation supports world-class scientific research, with the aim of translating results into action, while developing highly capable local scientists, researchers and custodians. YSD also supports initiatives and campaigns that encourage and empower communities to live sustainably by adopting green and sustainable practices in their lifestyle.



The amount committed since 2009:

RM206.6 million

The number of ongoing projects:

33

The number of organisations supported (FY2023):

30



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MENRAQ: A STORY OF INDIGENOUS CUSTODIANSHIP

YSD is taking proactive measures to support the urgent imperative of safeguarding the critically endangered Malayan Tiger in the Royal Belum State Park (RBSP). Persatuan Pelindung Harimau Malaysia (RIMAU) has thus received a sponsorship of RM1.2 million over three years to equip, train, and deploy two new Menraq patrol teams in addition to RIMAU’s existing three teams to combat illegal poaching activities in the area.

Comprising Orang Asli youth from the Jahai tribe, Menraq will support the existing forest rangers under Perak State Park Corporation (PSPC) in their anti-poaching efforts in RBSP. Despite their limited literacy and numeracy skills, these youths exhibit impressive aptitude in mastering the advanced Smart Monitoring System technologies to support conservation efforts.

On top of tiger conservation, YSD’s unique sponsorship also includes a stipend channelled to the village’s

community fund for the purchase of necessities and medication, among other things, while assisting those who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Consistent with YSD’s dedication to providing access to quality education, 45 Orang Asli children are also being introduced to the Menraq Junior Rangers programme to inspire a new generation of wildlife protectors by improving their literacy levels and instilling a sense of interest in forest protection and biodiversity. Through YSD’s support, RIMAU is conducting an outreach programme with 55 identified schools in Hulu Perak, including Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Tiang in RBSP, to distribute 1,000 copies of ‘Hari Tanpa Ngauman’ book to enhance their literacy levels through creative storytelling. YSD’s support for RIMAU is intended to provide an alternative source of livelihood for the Jahai youths, which reflects YSD’s commitment to conservation, sustainability, and inclusivity.



“ The survival of our invaluable wildlife teeters on the edge. Just within my lifetime, we’ve borne witness to the tragic extinctions of the Sumatran Rhino and the Leatherback Turtle. I refuse to let another iconic species, the Malayan Tiger, slip away. With the support of YSD, our mission at RIMAU to protect and safeguard these tigers gains even greater strength. At the heart of our collaboration is the empowering involvement of the Orang Asli, who play an integral role in biodiversity conservation in RBSP as the protectors of the rainforest’s biodiversity. Through our collaboration with YSD, we strive not only to secure the survival of our precious wildlife but also to uplift the indigenous communities, creating a community-based solution to preserve the delicate balance of our ecosystem.

Lara Ariffin, RIMAU President



10 ORANG ASLI YOUTH EMPLOYED AND TRAINED.



RIMAU ORGANISED 3 TYPES OF TRAINING CAMPS TO EQUIP THE PATROLLERS: CAPACITY BUILDING, FIELD TRAINING, AND OFF-SITE TRAINING.



1,000 COPIES OF THE "HARI TANPA NGAUMAN" BOOK FOR DISTRIBUTION TO 55 IDENTIFIED SCHOOLS IN HULU PERAK THROUGH RIMAU'S SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAMME.



LAUNCH OF THE MENRAQ JUNIOR RANGERS EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 45 ORANG ASLI CHILDREN AGED 10-14.



Menraq community-based wildlife protection patrol team made up of Jahai youth.



(L-R) En Shah Redza, PSPC Director; Datuk Helmy Othman Basha, Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Group Managing Director; Dato' Jeffri Salim Davidson, Sime Darby Berhad Group CEO; Dr Yatela, YSD CEO; and Ms Lara Ariffin, RIMAU President at the launch of Menraq Patrol Teams.



Orang Asli youth employed, trained, and equipped as Menraq patrollers.

RIMAU engages with Orang Asli children in RBSP to create awareness of wildlife conservation about the Malayan Tiger.



During the visit, YSD provided food aid and hygiene kits to 105 Orang Asli families in Kampung Sungai Kejar.



Hari Tanpa Ngauman book features Teega, a little Malayan Tiger who rules the jungle.

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WOMEN IN CONSERVATION: SAFEGUARDING MALAYSIA'S NATURAL TREASURES

YSD is proud to empower women who are passionate and dedicated to the important causes they believe in. Malaysia is certainly not short of these strong women, evident across all our pillars.

Within just the Environment pillar, we are in awe of the talent and tenacity of the female conservationists, community

members, teachers, assistants, project managers, and so many more who are at the core of driving positive and impactful change in our environment, towards increasing biodiversity and protecting Malaysia's precious flora and fauna.



Dr Ravinder Kaur
Scientific Director
Explore Gaia Enterprise (Gaia)



"I am unable to stand on the side and watch our wildlife struggle to survive. With YSD's support and guidance, Gaia has expanded and done more for conservation and the local communities. We are now able to work in a bigger team and in more forested areas across Malaysia. This has not only allowed for personal development for each of us in the team but has also led to notable achievements, such as setting up the nest boxes in Terengganu with our partners and collaborators, PERHILITAN, Nature Based Solutions, and HUTAN-KOCP, intended for the two pairs of Great Hornbills that had lost their natural nesting sites."



Wong Pui May
Senior Project Manager
Nature Based Solutions

"There are many challenges, but there are also opportunities to do things differently. With YSD's support, this project has given me the opportunity to explore people-centred approaches to nature conservation and engage with local communities as partners, particularly the Orang Asli.

It has been a real privilege to witness the forest skills of the Batek people, who are Orang Asli that are traditionally hunter-gatherers. The people we often work with under this project, from Kampung Kuala Koh in Kelantan, continue to practice a semi-mobile way of life. Their expertise, rooted in their intimate connection with the rainforest, reveals fascinating skills and knowledge intrinsic to their daily lives."





Juliana Adam Wong

Chief Executive Officer & Founding Partner
Biji-Biji Initiative

“YSD’s support has been the catalyst behind our remarkable achievements in environmental conservation, turning our vision of fostering sustainable communities into reality. Through our partnership with YSD, we have embarked on innovative projects, empowering individuals to embrace sustainable living and become passionate advocates for circular economy.

Witnessing the transformative journey of the Seruling community in Bandar Bukit Raja has reaffirmed our commitment and drive to improving lives; proof that with the right support, communities can lead the way in sustainable living. YSD’s invaluable support has strengthened our resolve to integrate responsible business practices with environmental stewardship, so we may leave a legacy that will endure for generations to come.”



Dr Louisa S. Ponnampalam

Chairperson, Co-Founder & Executive Director
MareCet Research Organisation (MareCet)

“I resolved within me that I needed to do my part for environmental conservation and that I would focus on the realm (marine) that I loved the most and on the animals (marine mammals) that I had been interested in for as long as I could remember.

Turning our long-held dream since 2015 into reality, we created a mobile marine educational exhibition on marine mammals and the ocean in 2022. With YSD’s support, we toured half of Peninsular Malaysia, bringing our Whale-On-The-Wheels Mobile Marine Education Nationwide Tour to local schools, towns, communities, and cities.

In 2019, we were also able to conduct a mini survey to confirm the presence of Bryde’s whales in the offshore waters of Kedah, but it wasn’t until the funding support from YSD in 2021 that we were able to really grow MareCet’s WHALE Project and collect vital information about the ecology and behaviour of these majestic creatures.”



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BEAUTY IN PERIL: CINTAI TIOMAN CAMPAIGN AIMS TO SAFEGUARD A NATURAL WONDER

YSD ramped up the Cintai Tioman campaign with Reef Check Malaysia (RCM) and Juara Turtle Project (JTP) to raise public awareness on the need to protect and sustain the ecological and social resilience of Pulau Tioman, a popular tourist destination off the coast of Peninsular Malaysia. The island is currently on its way to being certified and recognised as one of Malaysia’s first on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas.

Pulau Tioman to participate in beach clean-ups, coral planting, and preparation of coral blocks and recycling bins.

The trip also marked the official launch of the YSD Eco Citizen programme, an employee volunteering initiative aimed at engaging Sime Darby employees in environmental conservation efforts and fostering a sense of environmental stewardship among participants.

As part of the campaign, YSD brought together YSD Eco Citizen volunteers from Sime Darby Plantation, Sime Darby Berhad, and Sime Darby Property, to

YSD ECO CITIZEN FOR CINTAI TIOMAN HIGHLIGHTS:



Through YSD’s decade-long partnership with RCM, the Tioman Marine Conservation Group (TMCG) was established, consisting of local islanders passionate about marine and island conservation. The group has made significant contributions by collecting recyclables and conducting environmental awareness programmes

on the island. The TMCG also receives training to set up their own recycling business, thus being a part of YSD’s efforts at increasing alternative sources of livelihood. Additionally, the collaboration between YSD and JTP has increased the chances of survival for vulnerable sea turtles.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH RCM AND JTP TO DATE:

CORAL CONSERVATION



- Ghost nets removed: 160 weighing at over 24,000kg
- Coral fragments planted: 2,600
- Coral fragments replaced: 164
- Coral rehabilitation sites set up: 4
- Mooring lines installed: 69
- Crown of thorns removed: 6,427
- Coral bleaching surveys: 6

SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION



- Beach Patrols Conducted: 1,200
- Turtle Nests Relocated by JTP: 64 nests with 6,453 eggs
- Sea Turtle Hatchlings Released: 4,910

RECYCLING ACTIVITIES



- Beach Cleanups: Beach clean-ups conducted: 17 sessions
- Recyclables collected: 100,000kg of plastic, aluminium, cardboard, e-waste, and glass

CAPACITY BUILDING



- 80 local islanders trained to be part of TMCG
- 794 local islanders participated in environmental awareness programmes



“ In addition to the current work we are doing on Pulau Tioman, the Cintai Tioman campaign we are leading is a vital stride towards a sustainable future for the island’s ecosystems and its local community. With continued support from relevant stakeholders, Tioman can become a model for sustainable tourism, preserving its natural heritage while fostering opportunities for the local community. ”

Alvin Chelliah, RCM’s Senior Programme Manager and Marine Biologist

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Stakeholders and partners from the Tioman Development Authority (TDA), Department of Fisheries (DoF), RCM, and JTP come together for the premiere of the YSD Cintai Tioman campaign video, united in their commitment to safeguard Pulau Tioman's natural heritage.

A demonstration on crafting recycling bins using mesh wire to promote sustainable waste management on the island by Shahir Yaman, Assistant Programme Manager of RCM and Founding Member of TMCG.



YSD Eco Citizens engaged in the creation of recycling bins.



Proud YSD Eco Citizens showcasing the recycling bins.



Volunteers actively participated in processing glass bottles to be repurposed into coral blocks that act as rehabilitation sites for damaged coral reefs.

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Dedicated volunteers dove into action, replanting corals and reviving existing coral blocks at the Tioman Marine Park.





Together with the volunteers, YSD collected 440 kilograms of trash from the secluded beach of Monkey Bay.



Scan the QR code below to embark on a virtual journey witnessing the beauty of Tioman and our collective efforts with project partners to preserve its natural wonders from excessive development:



COMMUNITY & HEALTH

YSD supports community-based programmes and sustainable initiatives intended to improve the wellbeing of disadvantaged people and reduce socio-economic disparities. YSD assists initiatives that promote national policy changes to protect the basic rights and improve the quality of life of disadvantaged and marginalised communities. YSD also encourages research and advocacy efforts towards improving community health.



The amount committed since 2009:

RM235 million

The number of ongoing projects:

20

The number of organisations supported (FY2023):

17





EXTENDING DISASTER RELIEF AID IN MALAYSIA AND BEYOND

YSD provided emergency assistance to those affected by disasters together with our project partners, including Sime Darby employee volunteers, by committing close to RM2 million in aid, supporting flood victims in Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, and Johor, as well as assisting families whose homes were destroyed during the recent high tide phenomenon in Sandakan, Sabah.

In response to the devastating earthquakes in southern Türkiye and northwest Syria in February 2023, YSD swiftly committed a total of RM3 million from the YSD Disaster Relief Fund 2022/2023 towards relief efforts in the affected region.

YSD’s commitment to humanitarian aid was affirmed during a mock cheque handover ceremony at Seri Perdana on 14 February 2023, graced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. YSD announced a donation of RM1.5 million to support humanitarian efforts through the Tabung Bencana Kementerian Luar Negeri (TBKLN), which forms part of the Malaysian government’s commitment to help those affected by the disaster.

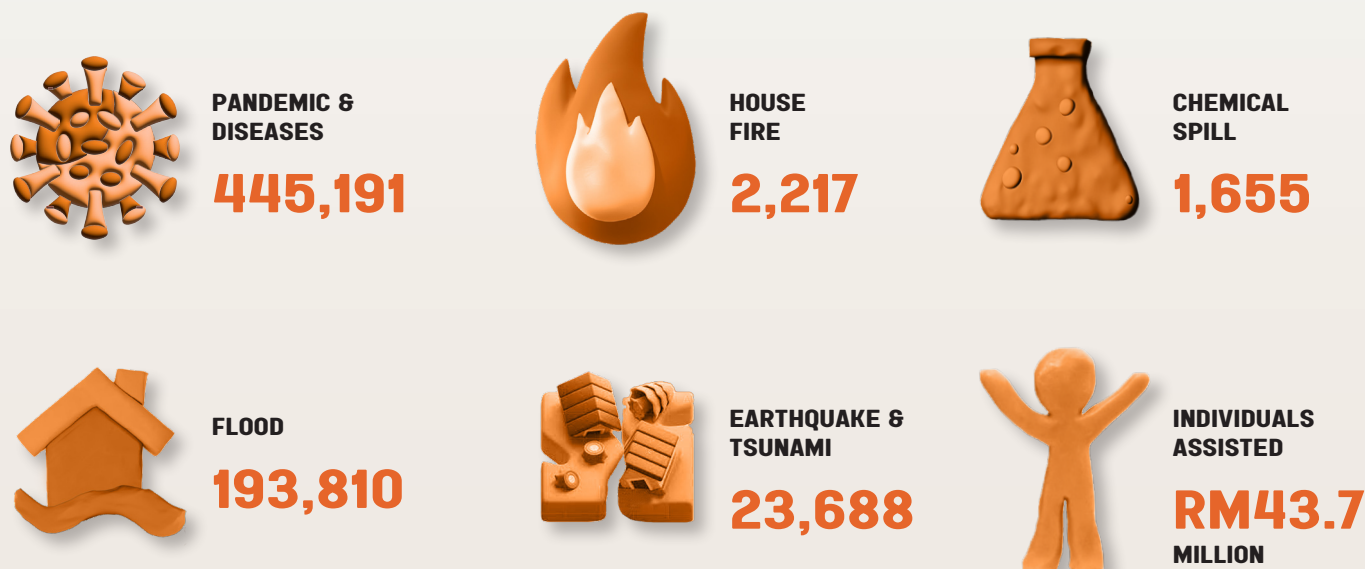
An additional RM1.5 million was committed to MERCY Malaysia’s emergency response and recovery initiatives in the affected areas. The funding covered essential expenses, including medical supplies, water and sanitation services, hygiene (WASH) services, and the deployment of emergency medical response teams in both affected countries.



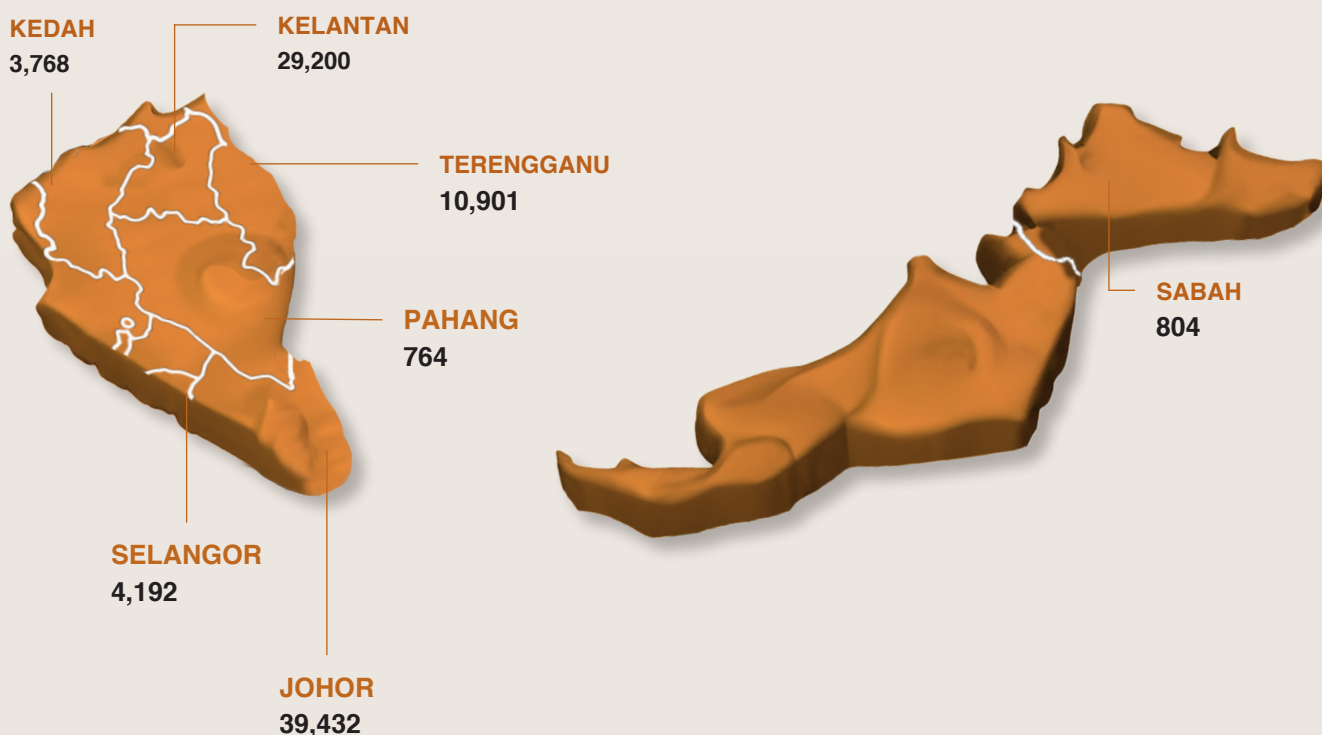
Y.A.M Tunku Tan Sri Imran, YSD Chairman handed over the mock cheque to Dato’ Dr Ahmad Faizal Perdaus, President of MERCY Malaysia, in the presence of (from left to right) En Mohd Haris Mohd Arshad, Managing Director of Sime Darby Oils; Dr Yatela, YSD CEO, En Ahmad Faezal Mohamed, Executive Director of MERCY Malaysia; Puan Sri Normah Hashim, YSD Governing Council Member; and Dato’ Jeffri Salim Davidson, Group Chief Executive Officer of Sime Darby Berhad.

Mock cheque handover to Minister of Foreign Affairs YB Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir in the presence of Prime Minister YAB Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and other government officials, along with Managing Director of Sime Darby Oils En Mohd Haris Mohd Arshad.

Total commitment under the YSD Disaster Relief Fund (Since 2013):



Total individuals assisted in Malaysia



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YSD commenced the flood relief mission in December 2022 with Sime Darby Plantation Mentakab Estate to provide immediate aid and assistance to the communities surrounding the estate.

18,000 affected families were provided flood relief assistance in Kelantan and Terengganu in collaboration with JKM and Sime Darby Industrial Sdn. Bhd.





Another 8,100 relief items were provided in Johor in collaboration with Sime Darby Plantation.

YSD travelled to Sandakan, Sabah, to provide aid to households whose homes were devastated by the high tide phenomenon.



YSD extended Back-To-School support to 2,772 affected school children from 17 schools with support from Sime Darby Property.



Scan here to learn more about YSD disaster relief initiatives:



SAVING LIVES AND ENABLING POSITIVE CHANGE FOR B40 COMMUNITIES

With a dedicated focus on inclusivity, YSD has forged strategic partnerships to prioritise the needs of the underprivileged and marginalised. From cancer research

to palliative care, these collaborations address the unique challenges faced by B40 individuals.



TOTAL SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT:

**RM78
MILLION**



TOTAL LIVES SAVED:

**13,911 IN
COLLABORATION
WITH 7 PARTNERS**



YAYASAN ORANG KURANG UPAYA KELANTAN (YOKUK)

- **RM2.9** million from June 2014 to August 2023
- Provided palliative and therapy care services to **1,134** terminally ill patients and persons with disabilities (PwD)
- Enhanced palliative care knowledge among **779** trained healthcare professionals



MALYSIAN AIDS FOUNDATION (MAF)

- **RM3.9** million from June 2014 to October 2023
- Provided second-line antiretroviral treatment to **291** underprivileged persons living with HIV (PLHIV)
- Collaboration with government hospitals and infectious disease specialists has improved support and access to treatment for PLHIV



HOSPIS MALAYSIA

- **RM4.5** million from May 2013 to June 2024
- Provided palliative care to more than **6,000** patients
- Contributed to the development of the first National Palliative Care Policy and Strategic Plan





CANCER RESEARCH MALAYSIA (CRM)

- **RM66.2** million from January 2012 to June 2023
- Improved the survival rate of **3,188** women via the Patient Navigation Programme (PNP)
- Built the most extensive genetic and genomic database of Asian breast cancers
- Developed innovative tools such as:
 - Patient Decisions Aids for breast cancer patient-doctor shared treatment decisions
 - ARiCa risk calculator for breast cancer treatment and prevention
 - MeMoSa mobile application for early detection of mouth cancer



NATIONAL STROKE ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA (NASAM)

- **RM850,000** from June 2021 to August 2023
- **1,068** patients benefitted from various rehabilitation therapy sessions
- Enabled positive outcomes in rehabilitation therapy sessions for **847** patients





UNIVERSITI MALAYA MEDICAL CENTRE (UMMC)

- RM9 million from April 2013 to January 2025
- Provided life-saving angioplasty surgery to 1,045 coronary patients
- Conducted public awareness initiatives to promote heart disease prevention and management



ORPHANCARE FOUNDATION

- RM3.1 million from November 2014 to April 2024
- Provided a second chance at life for 358 abandoned babies
- Offered social support to pregnant women, mothers, and potential adoptive parents





THE CHANGEMAKERS FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN MALAYSIA

The Women’s Aid Organisation (WAO) made massive waves in October 2022 when the Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill 2022 was finally gazetted as an Act. With the staunch support of YSD for WAO, together with the formidable front of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Coalition, the Bill was first tabled in Parliament in 2021, where it was passed in July 2022, and now many sections of the Act are already in force.

YSD has been supporting WAO for more than a decade, with a total sponsorship of RM8.7 million from 2010 to 2025. The funding has enabled WAO to complement the government’s work in reforming various national policies, developing guidelines to improve existing laws, and proposing new laws in support of gender equality in the country.

In the current sponsorship phase, WAO has made further progress in the fight for a better Malaysia, pushing forward the Anti-Stalking Bill, which has successfully been passed in Parliament to be incorporated into the Penal Code. YSD remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting action-oriented research and analysis, fostering engagements with key policymakers, conducting public campaigns, and providing training programmes for both the public and private sectors. We look forward to the effective implementation of the recently gazetted laws to improve the rights and well-being of all Malaysians.



YSD and Sime Darby business leaders extend support for WAO in an event with (L-R) Encik Azhan Abdul Kadir, General Manager, People Services & Admin, Sime Darby Property; YB Hannah Yeoh, Member of Parliament for Segambut; Dr Yatela, YSD CEO; Tunku Tan Sri Imran, YSD Chairman; Mr. Chua Choon Hwa, Deputy Secretary General (Strategic), Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development; Shanti Dairiam, WAO President; Ms Sumitra Visvanathan, WAO Executive Director; Puan Roselaini Faiz, Group Chief Human Resources Officer, Sime Darby Berhad; Encik Zulkifli Zainal Abidin, Chief Human Resources Officer, Sime Darby Plantation.

YAM Tunku Tan Sri Imran Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Jaafar and YB Hannah Yeoh, Member of Parliament for Segambut who was instrumental in pushing forward the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act.





YSD hosted a luncheon in September 2022 to celebrate the historic milestone of the passing of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill 2021.



On 29 March 2023, the Dewan Rakyat passed amendments to the Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code to make stalking a crime in Malaysia.



WAO presenting at the National Domestic Violence Committee meeting.



Mr Yu Ren-Chung, WAO's Deputy Executive Director with Datuk Mas Ermeyati Samsudin, Deputy Minister of Law on making stalking an offence.





SPORTS

YSD supports grassroots initiatives that promote healthy living, unity and inclusion among children and youth, including disadvantaged and marginalised groups. The Foundation also supports grassroots and development programmes for world-class athletes, especially those that focus on honing female sporting talent. Towards these ends, YSD makes available the resources to promote sporting activities to help youths realise their full potential; develop sports; cultivate role models who inspire unity, excel in sports and raise the standards of sports.

The amount committed since 2009:



RM207.8 million

The number of ongoing projects:

10

The number of organisations supported (FY2023):



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POWERING THE TRACK CYCLING SCENE IN MALAYSIA

Following the success of YSD's long-term support for the elite athletes of the national track cycling team on their journey to represent Malaysia on the world stage which is ultimately the Olympics, YSD embarked on a new initiative to stimulate the development of the national talent pool of track cyclists.

YSD, in partnership with the Foundation for Malaysian Sporting Excellence (SportExcel), launched the YSD Track Series (YSDTS) programme in December 2022 at the National Velodrome in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan. The programme was officially launched by YB Hannah Yeoh,

Minister of Youth and Sports, and Y.A.M. Tunku Tan Sri Imran, YSD and SportExcel Chairman, with the renowned Mr. John Beasley, the High-Performance Director of Majlis Sukan Negara (MSN) and Technical Advisor of YSDTS.

With the support of MSN and the Malaysian National Cycling Federation, YSDTS intends to boost an interest in track cycling among local young cyclists and encourage the formation of local professional track cycling teams, with the racing series serving as the first-of-its-kind avenue for national talent scouting.



52 track cycling competitions in 3 years

To date, **916** individuals participated in 5 YSDTS races including:

Targeted participation of **120** cyclists per race



- 87 junior national riders
- 64 elite national riders
- 46 local amateur riders
- 6 international riders



- Elite and Junior categories of U-19, U-17, and U-15
- Licensed local and international athletes
- Both men and women



Determination on display as cyclists showcase their skills and competitive spirit in a closely contested race at the YSDTS.



Symbolic cheque presentation from YSD to SportExcel witnessed by YB Hannah Yeoh. (L – R) Nurul Aliana Syafika Azizan, national track cycling athlete; Mr John Beasley, High-Performance Director of MSN and Technical Advisor of YSDTS; YB Hannah Yeoh, Minister of Youth and Sports; Dr Yatela, YSD CEO; Mr Sivanandan Chinnadurai, Executive Director of SportExcel; YAM Tunku Tan Sri Imran, YSD and SportExcel Chairman; and Anis Amira Rosidi, national track cycling athlete.

YSD Chairman and the Technical Advisor of YSDTS addressing the media during the highly anticipated YSDTS launch.



YB Hannah Yeoh shared a light moment with Aliana Azizan and Anis Amira, the two national track cycling athletes, at the programme launching in December 2022.



YSDTS provides a platform for junior athletes to demonstrate their speed and endurance as part of the national talent scouting programme.





EMPOWERING GIRLS IN RUGBY: YSD'S GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA

YSD's collaboration with Malaysia Rugby (MR) with RM1.4 million sponsorship until March 2023 began in August 2019, with YSD sponsoring the National Rugby Development Programme (NRDP) for the Men's U-19 & U-20 and Women's U-20 elite teams.

YSD's support has been instrumental in addressing the disparities in rugby development in Malaysia caused by economic disadvantages and cultural norms. The programme challenges the notion of rugby as solely a men's sport, empowering over 600 young women to participate and excel regardless of socioeconomic background. The programme takes a holistic approach by identifying and nurturing talented athletes through

initiatives like Talent Scouting and Elite Training Camps and providing the women the opportunity to represent Malaysia internationally through competitive exposure tournaments.

As part of our commitment to advancing women and girls in sports, YSD is fully dedicated to promoting gender equality and ensuring that women and girls have equitable opportunities to participate in all sports disciplines, including the traditionally male-dominated realm of rugby. Our funding plays a pivotal role in fostering the growth of both male and female rugby talents, propelling MR's progress in skill development, and significantly contributing to the nation's talent pool.



Training sessions held – Twice a week



90% out of the 757 participants are females from B40 backgrounds



35 coaches out of 50 are female



Women's U20 Elite teams clash on the rugby field in the Asia Rugby Sevens Series in 2022.



At YSD, we are committed to promoting gender equality and fostering inclusive opportunities for talented athletes in sports.

YSD's funding had assisted Malaysia's U-20 Women's Rugby team to secure 4th place in the Asia Rugby U-20 Sevens (Women) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and 6th placing in the Asia Rugby Women's Sevens Series in Thailand last year.



YSD also supported Malaysia's U-20 Men's Rugby team, where they had won third place in the Asia Rugby U-20 Sevens held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Scan here to learn more about YSD sports programmes:





TEAMING UP WITH THE NICOL DAVID ORGANISATION TO PRODUCE CHAMPIONS ON AND OFF THE COURT

In YSD’s effort to build the holistic development of young Malaysians, YSD pledged RM1 million to the Nicol David Organisation (NDO) for its Little Legends programme, which provides young Malaysians from underprivileged backgrounds access to squash and English lessons, in line with YSD’s commitment to promoting inclusivity in sports.

Founded by the world-renowned Malaysian Squash Queen Datuk Nicol David and former world-class player Mariana de Reyes, the Little Legends programme focuses on providing physical and soft skills development for Malaysian children aged 8 to 12 years old while promoting gender empowerment to the coaches and students.



“We are honoured and grateful to receive the invaluable support of YSD for our Little Legends initiative. This collaboration resonates profoundly with NDO’s core mission of promoting inclusivity and empowering the next generation through the power of sport. With YSD’s commitment, we have been able to create a nurturing and supportive environment that goes beyond the playing field, instilling values that touch the lives of these young talents. We look forward to continuing this inspiring journey together.”

Datuk Nicol Ann David, Founder and Head Coach of NDO



150
STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAMME



240
HOURS OF TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE 3 YEARS OF THE PROJECT

Focus of the Little Legends programme:

- One-hour squash classes twice a week
- Return transportation to and from schools in the area of Bukit Jalil and Sri Petaling
- Opportunity to participate in intra- and inter-competitions for exposure
- Life skill workshops
- Squash gears and training materials



Parents’ testimonials



L-R: Elina Emily, Head, Projects; Dr Yatela, CEO, YSD; YAM Tunku Tan Sri Imran, Chairman, YSD; Datuk Nicol David, Founder and Head Coach, NDO; Mariana de Reyes, Co-founder, NDO with the Little Legends at the launch of YSD's collaboration with NDO for the programme.



NDO's Little Legends programme unlocks the potential of many underprivileged Malaysian children.

The Little Legends programme eliminates barriers to sports while establishing talent pathways.







ARTS & CULTURE

YSD supports the development of a vibrant arts community in Malaysia's multi-cultural society, which includes projects and activities in the arts and traditional heritage preservation. YSD sponsors initiatives that encourage the development of arts and culture, and expand the demand for the arts whilst providing the industry with educational opportunities to enhance the knowledge and skills that contribute to the richness of a cultural heritage that is uniquely Malaysian. This includes artistic endeavours that touch on its five pillars. YSD also supports collaborations that provide platforms to promote local arts and emerging artistes to achieve local and international recognition.

The amount committed since 2009:

RM37.1 million

The number of ongoing projects:

10

The number of organisations supported (FY2023):

7

ARTS ON THE MOVE RETHINKS ACCESS TO THE ARTS

YSD's commitment to promoting inclusivity and access to the arts is reflected through its support for Arts On The Move (AOTM) by Think City. AOTM is a public art initiative showcasing quality Malaysian public arts and cultural activities, such as live performances, public art installations and workshops, to be enjoyed by all commuters who stop by the Pasar Seni MRT Station.

YSD's support for AOTM is aimed at making arts accessible to the public while providing an avenue for talented local artists to thrive in the arts industry. The free-for-all collaborative arts initiative encourages the public to take a break from their hectic schedules to experience and gain a new appreciation for the arts that gives Malaysia her unique identity. The initiative's launch event featured

a performance by the Mah Meri Cultural Village, giving them a platform to showcase their culture to the broader public. The programme has so far featured all kinds of arts, creative, and cultural acts such as Fusion Wayang Kulit, Guzheng Academy, 3T Karnatic Konnexions, TUAL Collective, The Impatient Sisters, and more.

Through Think City's AOTM, YSD has contributed to the building blocks of a thriving creative and cultural district in Downtown Kuala Lumpur by collaborating with various like-minded stakeholders like Mass Rapid Transit Corporation, Kuala Lumpur City Hall, and the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

“ YSD's support has been instrumental in realising our collective vision of celebrating inclusivity and accessibility to the arts, empowering local artists, and fostering a vibrant creative programme in line with the Kuala Lumpur Creative and Cultural District (KLCCD) Strategic Masterplan. Through this initiative, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of arts, bringing joy and inspiration to individuals from all walks of life that commune at the Pasar Seni MRT Station. Our aim is to enrich the communities with a shared cultural experience that resonates for many years to come while connecting culture to transit. ”

En Hamdan Abdul Majeed, Managing Director of Think City





RM250,000

COMMITTED FOR 6 MONTHS UNTIL JULY 2023



3

MOVING WORKSHOPS ORGANISED



12

LIVE PERFORMANCES ORGANISED ON TRADITIONAL ARTS, MUSIC, AND DANCES



120

ARTISTS ENGAGED THROUGH LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE



2

VISUAL ARTS INSTALLATIONS COMPLETED



BROUGHT ARTS AND CULTURE TO MORE THAN

10,000 COMMUTERS AND AUDIENCES

Dr Yatela emphasises YSD's role in championing accessible arts while empowering local talent.



Launched by YB Anthony Loke, Minister of Transport, the public art initiative showcased a curated range of live performances, art workshops, and installation.



Relevant
SDGs



The launch event in February 2023 featured weaving workshops, cultural performances by the Mah Meri Cultural Village, and an art installation by Pamela Tan of Poh Sin Studio.





From Carnatic music to Wayang Kulit, Arts On The Move by Think City showcases a diverse range of cultural and fusion performances that embody Malaysia's inclusive and multicultural heritage.

Clockwise from top left: Fusion Wayang Kulit, Paladin Cello rock band, TUI Collective and 3T Karnatik Konnexions.



Scan to watch the AOTM's launch event recap:





FROM MARGINS TO SPOTLIGHT: PARASTOO THEATRE REDEFINES REFUGEE NARRATIVES

YSD takes great pride in supporting an inspiring and inclusive project under our sponsorship, Parastoo Theatre, a refugee-founded and led theatre troupe based in Kuala Lumpur. In July 2022, YSD supported the production of ‘And Then Came Spring’ in collaboration with Instant Café Theatre. Led by the visionary theatre director Saleh Sepas, the play focuses on empowering refugees and fostering professional cooperation between refugees and the local community in Malaysia.

Parastoo Theatre utilises the ‘Theatre of the Oppressed’ method to educate, build coalitions, and drive legislative change. By training refugees as actors, producers, and

technicians, the theatre troupe actively engages the underrepresented community in meaningful dialogues, powering a more inclusive society.

In ‘And Then Came Spring’ YSD had supported 15 actors who are refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, Myanmar, and Palestine. For the upcoming production, ‘Red Soil of Kabul’, YSD will be supporting 16 actors who are also refugees, providing them with opportunities for self-expression and self-confidence.



“ We are grateful for YSD’s support of Parastoo Theatre, especially for our latest production ‘Red Soil of Kabul’. With a strong emphasis on human rights, child protection, education, migration, and refugee issues, YSD’s support for this production not only allows 14 newcomers, ranging in age from 9 to 5, to discover their confidence and develop new skills, but it also provides young refugees with a platform and opportunity to learn valuable skills in stage management, photography, videography, and subtitling among others, that will benefit them in the future. Thank you YSD, for making this possible for Parastoo Theatre. ”

Saleh Sepas, Founder of Parastoo Theatre

And Then Came Spring



- 5 successfully staged shows
- 3 out of 5 shows were sold out
- Garnered 1,000 audience members in July 2022
- 266 free tickets were given to 11 different refugees communities and underprivileged groups in Malaysia to watch the theatre performance through an outreach campaign

Red Soil of Kabul



- 5 performances
- 985 audience
- 4 out of 5 shows were sold out

Scan to watch Parastoo Theatre’s Introduction video:





Afghan refugee Saleh Sepas (left) and Jo Kukathas, during 'And Then Came Spring' post-show conversation at the Damansara Performing Arts Centre (DPAC).



Scan to watch a snippet from rehearsals for 'And Then Came Spring':



The Parastoo Theatre troupe gave an eye-opening perspective on the lives of refugees in Malaysia.



REVIVING CULTURAL GEMS TOGETHER WITH UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

manekNya, also known as Manek-Nyonya, aims to preserve the legacy of Kasot Manek or Peranakan Beaded Shoes, which hold significant cultural value and are a source of pride for the Baba Nyonya community. Unfortunately, this traditional craft is at risk of extinction as there are only a few skilled artisans left with the knowledge and hands-on know-how to make these delicate shoes. By supporting manekNya, YSD strives to ensure that this cultural gem is not lost in the face of modern trends, and that the skills for this delicate art and heritage are acquired and shared with more Malaysians.

The project offers on-the-job Nyonya embroidery training and entrepreneurial skills to single, unemployed, or retired mothers in need of additional income. This provides these women with an alternative sustainable livelihood, contributing to YSD’s intention of promoting long-term impact and sustainability.



YSD’s support is crucial for manekNya as it enables the provision of high-quality beads embroidery training programmes, mentorship, and resources that are otherwise inaccessible to the underrepresented community. Through the 8-week sessions, participants have the opportunity to discover their creative potential, hone their artistic abilities, and improve their livelihoods.

Lee Siew Lin, Project Director



150

POTENTIAL EMBROIDERERS RECEIVED INTENSIVE TRAINING



50

EMBROIDERERS WILL BE HIRED UPON TRAINING COMPLETION



40

TRAINING SESSIONS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE EMBROIDERERS



The participants underwent intensive training to hone their skills in Nyonya embroidery.



One of the exquisite artworks created by a highly skilled artisan, Puan Nor Hasimah.



The Nyonya beading requires a handmade approach that cannot be replicated by machines.



Participants incorporate beads onto modern apparel which acts as a bridge between cultures, tradition, and modernity.

Scan here to learn more about manekNya:

