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**Program Bakat Citra Rasa with The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM) and Yayasan Orang Buta Malaysia
12 March 2023**

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BALAI IKHTISAS MALAYSIA ANJUR PROGRAM BAKAT CITRA RASA OKU

Dewan Kosmik, 11 March 2023



Kuala Lumpur - Located at Yayasan Orang Buta Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) or Malaysian Professional Center in collaboration with Yayasan Orang Buta Malaysia, Next Generation and WiLAT, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM), Association of Malaysian Optometrist (AMO), IKK and Redland Aviation Services as well as related agencies have organized the Citra Rasa Talent Program. This program provides an opportunity for visually impaired people (OKU) to express their feelings and emotions as an OKU group in conjunction with World Braille Day which is celebrated on January 4, 2023 this year.

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According to BIM President, YBrs. Dr. Wilmot Sasindran Dass, this program was held to provide exposure to professionals, especially those interested in making the knowledge transfer program with the disabled community a success. In addition, BIM members together with the disabled community can express their feelings as well as improve their skills and confidence in communicating in front of a large audience while instilling virtue and love through this organized program.

This program was attended by BIM professionals and partners and participants among the visually impaired around the Klang Valley. This cooperation is not only able to foster the concern of professionals towards the disabled who are actually a component of civil society as conceived through Malaysia Madani. The six principles outlined, namely sustainability, well-being, creativity, respect, confidence and courtesy can certainly be effectively practiced by participants in such a program.



Among the participants and stakeholders involved in the Citra Rasa Talent Program.

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This beneficial program is implemented with various activities such as a lecture session from the Vice President of AMO, Encik Muhamad Syukri Mohamad Rafiuddin, an experience sharing session from visually impaired participants, a competition to present their respective experiences by disabled participants, eye examinations by ophthalmologists, presentation of prizes to disabled participants and the handing over of Braille book souvenirs to the Malaysian Blind Foundation.



Dr. Wilmot Sasindran Dass (right) together with one of the participants of the program who won the Taste and Taste Talent Program Competition, Muhammad Ilman Hafiy Mohd Noor Hafizah from the Princess Elizabeth Special Education National School, Johor Bahru, Johor (left).

“With a program like this, BIM can hear all the expressions and sharing from the visually impaired participants. Therefore, BIM tries to help them by suggesting to the relevant parties to improve the existing system or provide innovation to the implementation of programs or various facilities for this group.”

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REJECT EXCLUSION OF LIQUID, NICOTINE GEL FROM POISONS ACT, PHARMACISTS URGE GOVT

The Vibes, 28 March 2023

KUALA LUMPUR – Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS) called on the government to reject the proposal to exclude liquid or nicotine gel from poison control regulations under the Poisons Act 1952.

MPS president Amrahi Buang in a statement today said such a proposal would be detrimental to the Malaysian public's health and safety and is not in the national interest.

“Excluding it from the Poisons Act 1952 would send the wrong message to the public, particularly young people, and could lead to an increase in the use of e-cigarettes and vaping.

“We urge the government to strengthen regulations around e-cigarettes and vaping including restrictions on marketing and advertising and to increase public education about the dangers of nicotine use,” he said.

He said this following an update that there will be a meeting soon by the Poisons Board to discuss the exemption of the control of nicotine under Poisons Act 1952 to allow it to be taxed by the government.

Citing a study by the Health Ministry, Amrahi said the prevalence of e-cigarette use among adults in Malaysia has increased from 0.3% in 2015 to 1.3% in 2019 and the majority of e-cigarette users in Malaysia are young adults between 18 and 24.



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He said according to the World Health Organization, vaping has been linked to more than 40 deaths worldwide, with over 2,000 cases of lung injury reported in the United States, whereas in Malaysia, there have been several cases of lung injury and deaths related to the use of e-cigarettes and vaping.

“As pharmacists, we are committed to promoting public health and safety. Nicotine, whether in liquid or gel form, is a highly addictive substance that poses significant health risks.

“Studies have shown that nicotine use can lead to cardiovascular disease, lung disease, and cancer.

“Additionally, nicotine use during pregnancy can harm the developing foetus and lead to complications during childbirth,” he said.

The Poisons Act 1952 was established to protect the public from the dangers of hazardous substances, including nicotine, and to regulate their sale, supply, and use.

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HEALTH EXPERTS LIST 10 RECOMMENDATIONS IN 'BANGI DECLARATION' FOR TOBACCO AND VAPE CONTROL

Code Blue, 17 April 2023



Health experts at a roundtable conference on the Control of Smoking Product for Public Health Bill 2023 and the Generational Endgame (GEG) policy, organised by Akademi Profesor Malaysia, in Bangi on April 17, 2023.

BANGI, April 17 – A group of prominent health experts in Malaysia has issued a 'Bangi Declaration' outlining 10 key recommendations to strengthen tobacco and vape control measures in the country, in response to the government's decision to remove nicotine liquids and gels from the Poison Act 1952.

The declaration, presented at a roundtable conference on the Control of Smoking Product for Public Health Bill 2023 and the Generational Endgame (GEG) policy today, proposes an immediate review of the exemption of nicotine liquids and gels from the Poisons Act, a minimum tax rate of 65 per cent on all tobacco products, and the introduction of regulatory controls on the marketing, pricing, and taxation of vape, similar to tobacco and cigarettes.

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The Bangi Declaration also includes a recommendation for the National Fatwa Council to declare all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, as *haram* (forbidden), and for this fatwa to be enforced in all states.

E-cigarettes have been declared *haram* by the National Fatwa Council since 2015. However, it is unclear how many states have since adopted and implemented the fatwa since Islamic law falls under state jurisdiction. *Berita Harian* previously reported that Kedah, Penang, and Johor have issued fatwa at the state level to declare e-cigarettes or vape as *haram*.

The Bangi Declaration further proposes the prohibition of e-cigarette sales within a 5km radius of all educational institutions and residential areas.

According to the group, all tobacco products, including nicotine, are considered “poisonous” and pose a serious risk to public health. Tobacco products also place a considerable financial strain on the Ministry of Health (MOH) in terms of health care management, the group added.

Experts at the roundtable conference say that implementing these measures is crucial to achieving the World Health Organization’s (WHO) goal of reducing smoking rates to below 5 per cent by 2040. The Bangi Declaration was addressed to Prime Minister (PM) Anwar Ibrahim.

When asked about the possibility of the panel taking legal action in the form of a judicial review if the government does not promptly review the delisting of liquid nicotine, Prof Dr Cairul Iqbal Mohd Aiman, a professor in pharmaceuticals at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) who read out the declaration during a press conference today, stated, “Let’s give the chance for the government to review first, and then we will cross the bridge when we reach there.”

Dr Cairul Iqbal mentioned that the panel had requested to meet with the PM last week, but had yet to receive a response. “With the press conference today, we hope to bring our concerns to the attention of the PM and receive a prompt response.”

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The 10 recommendations in the Bangi Declaration are:

1. To conduct an immediate review of the government's decision to remove nicotine from the Poisons Act 1952 until the Control of Smoking Product for Public Health Bill 2023 is passed.
 2. To impose an effective minimum tax rate on all tobacco products, especially cigarettes, of 65 per cent as recommended by the WHO.
 3. To impose taxes, pricing regulations, and marketing controls on all electronic cigarette liquids, similar to tobacco and cigarettes, and to set the maximum nicotine concentration allowed on the market based on the amount of nicotine (mg/ml).
 4. To ensure the country is committed to achieving the "Tobacco Endgame" target as suggested by the WHO, which is a smoking prevalence of less than 5 per cent by 2040.
 5. To combat corruption and border smuggling to address tobacco product smuggling issues, including electronic cigarettes.
 6. To impose special licences on electronic cigarette premises and sellers and to prohibit the sales of e-cigarettes within a 5km radius of all educational institutions and residential areas.
 7. To provide a special grant to conduct research on electronic cigarettes, including their health, economic, and social effects, especially on women and children, open to all public and private institutions.
 8. To ensure the effectiveness and safety of electronic cigarettes before registering them for the purpose of harm reduction of conventional cigarettes through the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA).
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9. To ensure the interests and child-friendly practices of women and families are always maintained and protected from the use of cigarettes and electronic cigarettes.
10. To gazette a *fatwa* that declares all tobacco products, including cigarettes and electronic cigarettes, as *haram* (forbidden) by the National Fatwa Council and to enforce it in all states.

The roundtable, hosted by Akademi Profesor Malaysia, comprises prominent individuals such as health economist Prof Dr Syed Mohamed Aljunid and Prof Dr Mohamad Haniki Nik Mohamed, chief coordinator of the Certified Smoking Cessation Service Provider (CSCSP) at International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

Additionally, representatives from various organisations including the Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS), the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), the National Council of Women's Organisations Malaysia (NCWO), the Malaysia Public Health Specialist Association, and the National Kidney Foundation Malaysia, among others, are also part of the roundtable.

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RECOGNISING THE CONTRIBUTION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

The Sun, 30 April 2023

FOR decades, social workers have been playing an almost invisible role in nation-building and fostering unity amongst Malaysians.

They work relentlessly, without fear or favour, to address social issues, promote social justice, and empower marginalised communities to create positive change.

In terms of nation-building, social workers continue their noble cause by addressing social issues such as poverty, inequality, and discrimination.

They work with individuals, families and communities to identify the root causes of these issues and develop various strategies to help mitigate them.

Social workers also play an important role in promoting social justice and human rights.

They work to ensure that all members of society have access to basic human rights and are treated fairly and equitably.

This involves advocating for the rights of marginalised and vulnerable populations, such as single mothers, abused children, refugees, migrant workers and indigenous communities.



In addition to addressing social issues and promoting social justice, social workers also foster unity and social cohesion.

They work to build bridges between different communities and promote understanding and respect for diversity.

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For example, social workers organise community events and activities that bring people of different backgrounds together or facilitate dialogues and workshops that help to promote cross-cultural understanding.

Let us salute our social workers, who play a vital role in nation-building and fostering unity in Malaysia.

Their work is essential in creating a more just, equitable and inclusive society, and their efforts to address social issues and promote social cohesion are critical in building a stronger and more united Malaysia.

The nation and the government need to recognise their contributions by hastening the passage of the much-awaited Social Work Profession (PKS) Bill in Parliament as soon as possible.

The PKS Bill will allow the recognition of the social work profession through registration and certification of practice as regulated by the Social Work Profession Council.

The Bill was slated to be passed in 2022 as announced by the then Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rina Mohd Harun.

It is hoped that the incumbent minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri accelerates the PKS Bill process in recognition of social workers' tireless efforts in nation-building and fostering national unity during the coming Parliamentary sitting.

Malkeet Singh

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH NEEDS IMPROVEMENT TO FACE GLOBAL CHALLENGES

The Star, 9 May 2023

KANGAR: In an effort to face global challenges such as food supply issues and heatwaves, Malaysia needs to focus on research in the agriculture sector, says Minister of Agriculture and Food Security Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu (pic).

He said if it was seen that more developed countries like China were ahead, it was because they focused on this matter.



"We (Malaysia) also are working towards this direction, and I hope one day we will achieve that level as a result of continuous development in the field of research."

He said this after officiating the International Soil Science Conference (SOILS 2023), organised by the Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)

Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology with the cooperation of the Malaysian Society of Soil Science (MSSS), here on Tuesday (May 9).

Also present were Perlis UiTM rector Assoc Prof Ts. Dr Shukor Sanim Mohd Fauzi and MSSS president Dr Rosazlin Abdullah.

Mohamad said the field of agriculture and food security was a matter that currently receiving serious attention from world leaders.

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"China, for example, is using new technology in both agriculture and livestock breeding.

"Everything is being managed with the latest technology including in livestock management, machine operations and other aspects that can increase yield," he said, adding that he would also seek higher allocation for agriculture in next year's budget. – Bernama



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THE TOP LANDSCAPING TRENDS OF 2023

Forbes.com

1. A Newfound Focus on Immersive Garden



Natural immersive gardens are going to be one of the important landscape design trends. “You can also call it curated wilding or nature-scaping to better express the core idea of this trend. The trend focuses on using natural and landscaping materials that mostly have neutral colors and rich raw textures to highlight the true beauty of the imperfect look,” explains Bryan McKenzie, landscape designer at Bumper Crop Times. The plants used in this trend include local species purposefully trimmed to look pristine.

2. Low Carbon Landscaping



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Low-carbon everything is becoming popular in almost every aspect of our lives. “It’s all about growing local plant varieties and investing time and effort into growing herbs, veggies and fruit in your own garden to reduce carbon footprint,” shared McKenzie. Sourcing all-local materials, furniture pieces, fertilizers and more is tantamount. The herb garden is, at last, moving from the kitchen counter and getting our full attention in the garden, where it can flourish and offer us a sense of security. Not to mention, gardening itself is said to have extensive mental health benefits, including lowering stress and anxiety.

3. Incorporating Metals



Landscape trends have seen a lot of outside influence from different materials. “A big trend we’re seeing is metal being added to landscape – whether that’s in shade structures, artistic panels, water features, planter boxes and more,” shares Ryan Trudell, VP of Landscape Architecture at Creative Environments. This ties nicely with the return of the pergola and [patio structures](#) to connect the outdoors with the indoors.

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4. Using Drought-Tolerant Plants Only



Climate-change- and environmentally-conscious homeowners are starting to notice one thing that cannot be avoided: “The climate crisis is far-reaching, and potable water is increasingly precious. Embracing the beauty of native and drought-tolerant plant choices that can thrive in our gardens with minimal care and irrigation is a trend we’ll see left and right in 2023,” says Sarah Barnard from Barnard Design.

5. Gardening for Local Wildlife

“Fires, development and grazing have taken a toll on wild animal habitats. Designing our gardens with wildlife in mind means considering sources of nectar, seeds, shelter, and water,” explains Barnard. As we spend more time in our gardens and patios, designing the landscape



for wildlife will also bring beautiful butterflies, birds and other friendly neighbours into the scene for a unique experience.

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6. Artificial Grass for Easy Maintenance



Artificial turf has been on the rise as an easy-to-maintain . patio improvement project “[Everyone] from homeowners to developers and commercial property managers are turning to synthetic grass for its year-round looks, low maintenance and overall cost-effectiveness,” says Michael Levy from Dirty Turf. Paired with other environmentally-conscious landscaping trends, artificial grass can help homeowners create the garden of their dreams without having to spend too much on maintenance and care.

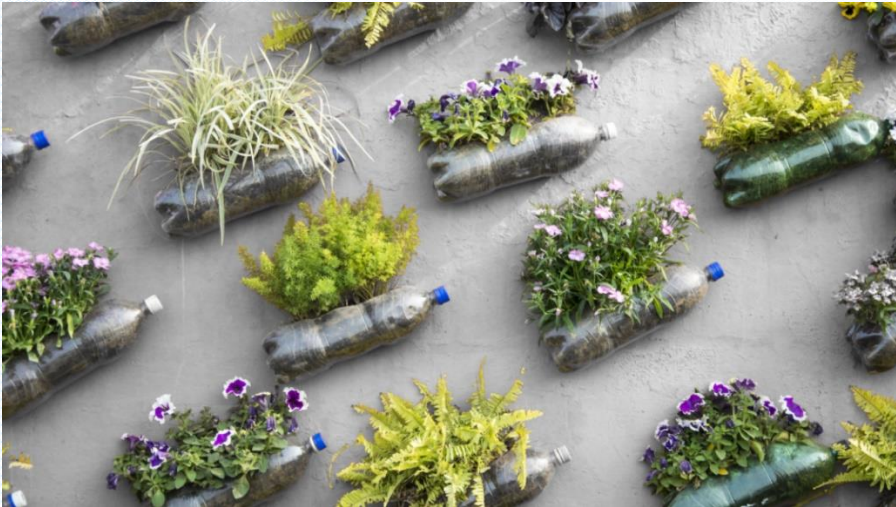
7. Bringing Water into the Garden

Sherry Morgan from Petsolino says, “Adding a small pond to your landscaping plan is a great option.” A pond can be attractive, providing a peaceful environment to unwind after a long day at work. Still, “landscape design is always changing with every year,” Morgan points out. Focus on adding details to make your overall space unique.



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8. Recycled and Reclaimed Materials in Gardens



The theme for 2023 landscaping trends seems to revolve around eco-conscious materials and designs. “From wall gardens made of reclaimed wood to lawn edging using repurposed bricks, recycled

materials are being used to reimagine landscape design and gardens,” says Larry from Lawnmower Larry. When it comes to repurposing materials, the limit is your imagination; you can mix and match different materials or incorporate unused household items for a genuinely unique aesthetic.

9. Entangled Designs for Continuity



“As people make outdoor spaces an extension of their home, entangled design enhances continuity. We observe entangled design becoming more popular, combining the surrounding landscape with hardscape designs,” says Joe Raboine from Belgard.

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10. Defined Outdoor Spaces



As homeowners spend more time outdoors, they have a new need for their outdoor space to feel more functional and complete. “Whether it’s an outdoor kitchen, office or living room, we are seeing homeowners lean toward creating more efficient, defined outdoor spaces,” says Raboine. Landscapers and gardeners are now looking for ways to connect nature with patios and outdoor spaces to create the perfect spot to unwind and enjoy all the well-being benefits the outdoors provides.

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