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i-LEARN Ace CSR Programme to Assist SPM 2020 Candidates Goes Live

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- *Sasbadi, Huawei and TM ONE collaborate to launch i-LEARN Ace SPM CSR Programme to help prepare SPM 2020 candidates for upcoming examinations*
 - *i-LEARN Ace is a complete e-learning platform aligned with the requirements of the latest national curriculum KSSR Semakan/KSSR/KSSM/KBSM and hosted on TM ONE Alpha Edge cloud*
 - *This initiative will help provide quality digital contents that enable students to study remotely from home with minimum loss on quality and equity*

Petaling Jaya, 16 December 2020 – Sasbadi Holdings Berhad, in collaboration with Huawei Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and TM ONE (the enterprise and public sector business solutions arm of Telekom Malaysia Berhad) has officially launched its CSR initiative, titled i-LEARN Ace SPM CSR Programme, to help SPM 2020 candidates better prepare for the upcoming examination.

The programme opened for registrations on 1st December 2020 and has since been well received with more than 20,000 students registered in two weeks, all of whom have been provided with login access. The i-LEARN Ace SPM CSR Programme will continue to accept registrations at spmcsr.ilearnace.com until the end of SPM examinations in March 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a huge disruption in the education landscape of Malaysia. As part of the government's ongoing effort to stem the spread of COVID-19, schools continue to be closed and students are presented with the uphill challenge of receiving the necessary education they need.

There are a total of 500,000 or so students who will be sitting for the SPM examination in February 2021, facing the unprecedented task of not only having to cope with their studies in a highly shortened, interrupted academic year, but also performing well in SPM which has been fraught with frequent changes and uncertainty. As SPM is critical in determining students' pathways to higher education and future careers, the current circumstances place them in an unfair situation that could potentially impact the rest of their lives.

In view of this, Sasbadi, Huawei and TM ONE have decided to step forward and provide quality digital contents that enable students to study remotely from home with minimum loss on quality and equity.

i-LEARN Ace was created by Sasbadi Online (a wholly owned subsidiary of Sasbadi Holdings Berhad) in 2011 and is a complete e-learning platform aligned with the requirements of the latest national curriculum that is the KSSR Semakan/KSSR/KSSM/KBSM. The contents on the platform, which is hosted on TM ONE Alpha Edge cloud, provide a huge archive of notes covering all compulsory subjects and various elective subjects across Year 4 to Form 5 levels. It also provides an assessment system that makes available Sasbadi's question bank on both objective and subjective questions, as well as model test papers. Coupled with

intuitive reporting and automated marking systems, i-LEARN Ace will be a powerful tool to aid SPM students' revision.

Relatedly, Tutor2U, an e-tuition platform scheduled to be launched by the end of December 2020, will complement the use of i-LEARN Ace by providing SPM students e-tuition services and learning materials prepared by teachers across Malaysia. The products and services on Tutor2U may be subsidised as an extension of this CSR programme.

“Education is a birth right. In these unprecedented times, it is our social responsibility to ensure students receive support to do well in SPM. How Sasbadi can play a part is by providing accurate, comprehensive and reliable learning materials coupled with digital tools to help students revise effectively in the safety of their homes,” said Mr. Law King Hui, Group Managing Director of Sasbadi Holdings Berhad. “With Huawei and TM ONE as our Technology Enabler and Cloud Service Provider respectively, we are able to deliver an uninterrupted learning experience via i-LEARN Ace so that SPM candidates can make the most of their remaining revision time.”

Mr. Lim Chee Siong, Huawei Malaysia Vice President of Cloud and AI, said that it was Huawei's duty as a global technology leader to offer its extensive technological expertise and resources to help ensure that no one gets left behind.

“We believe that everyone, everywhere has the right to education and the equality of opportunities it brings – and Huawei believes in the power of technology to make this happen. Therefore, we will do everything we can to help bridge the digital divide, plug the gaps, reach the unreached and ensure that each candidate sitting for SPM in these difficult and uncertain times have access to the tools they need to do well in this examination.”

“Through this initiative, we are also helping the education industry expedite its digital transformation. The CSR initiative is just one aspect of the long-term collaboration we have with both our partners, TM ONE and Sasbadi. We hope that together we will be able to create more technological solutions that benefit not only students but all levels of society, as we weather through these unprecedented times together,” Mr. Lim stated.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Taufek Omar, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of TM ONE said, “With such a large number of students expected to be accessing i-LEARN Ace, it is important to ensure they can have a seamless and uninterrupted experience of the programme. This is why it needs to be hosted on a reliable infrastructure such as the cloud, and in particular, TM ONE Alpha Edge. We are excited to be able to partner with Sasbadi, supporting them by providing the cloud platform to host i-LEARN Ace and Tutor2U.”

“Through this initiative, TM ONE as the Cloud Service Provider, will empower Sasbadi's faster adaptation of digital education towards delivering the best experience to the end users. In addition to our cloud services, TM ONE is committed to support Sasbadi in its digital transformation journey with our comprehensive suite of smart solutions, covering connectivity, cybersecurity, smart services and customised education solutions. This suits well in fulfilling TM Group's unique role of enabling Digital Malaysia's aspirations,” he further added.

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About Sasbadi Holdings

Sasbadi Holdings Berhad is a Malaysian-listed company that specialises in providing education solutions. Founded in 1985, the company has grown over the years from producing quality educational books and materials to a leading education solutions provider through its diverse offerings. This includes academic and non-academic educational materials, digital and technology-enabled products, applied learning tools, English language learning and assessment solutions, as well as a network marketing business. The Group anchors its business on five core pillars, namely Creating Contents, Developing Technologies, Nurturing Skills, Enriching Life and Forging Connections. Recognising the importance of 21st Century learning, Sasbadi has been championing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and working closely with key partners such as the Ministry of Education (MOE) Malaysia and Lego Education through robotics for schools. More recently, Sasbadi has strengthened its offerings by partnering with Cambridge Assessment English of the University of Cambridge and NYC English to provide English language proficiency solutions.

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About TM ONE

TM ONE is the business-to-business arm fronting the enterprise and public sectors for Telekom Malaysia Berhad (TM). It is the digital enabler for secured Hyperconnected Ecosystem, empowering enterprises and the public sector to realise the full potential of their digital opportunities. The Hyperconnected Ecosystem for today's businesses and beyond are #madepossible with TM ONE's comprehensive digital solutions enabled by high-performance connectivity and digital infrastructure.

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