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Sasbadi 1Q Profit Doubles On Continued Partnership With Education Ministry

KUALA LUMPUR (Jan 24): Sasbadi Holdings Bhd's net profit for the first quarter ended Nov 30, 2016 (1QFY17) doubled to RM4.33 million or 1.55 sen per share from RM2.03 million or 0.8 sen per share a year ago.

The better profit was due mainly to an increase in revenue from its delivery of robotics sets and textbooks to schools under the Ministry of Education Malaysia.

According to a filing to Bursa Malaysia today, Sasbadi's 1QFY17 revenue rose to RM31.21 million from RM21.03 million a year ago.

The company said the increase in revenue was attributable to the commencement of operations of its subsidiary Mindtech Education Sdn Bhd from direct sales and network marketing of the group's products last year.

On its prospects, the group said it will continue to pursue organic growth in which it will continue to develop and introduce new print and online educational products and materials to the market.

It will also grow its direct sales marketing channel via Mindtech Education and participate in textbook tenders and explore opportunities for other tenders under the Ministry of Education.

Besides organic growth, Sasbadi said it will also continue to pursue inorganic growth via the acquisition of businesses which are synergistic or complementary to the group's businesses. It had acquired publishing house United Publishing House mid last year.

Sasbadi shares closed one sen or 0.64% lower at RM1.56, with a market capitalisation of RM435.86 million.