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PRESS STATEMENT  
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**FLL MALAYSIA IS BACK WITH MORE INNOVATIVE CREATIONS**  
A Grand show on Trash and Garbage Disposal System by 9 to 16 year-old children using  
LEGO® technology

**LEMBAH PANTAI, KUALA LUMPUR 29 MAY 2016** - Sasbadi Holdings Berhad (“Sasbadi Holdings” or the “Group”) the National Partner of FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology - an international organization founded to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology) and LEGO® successfully held the **FIRST® LEGO® League (“FLL”) Malaysia 2016-Trash Trek** at the Institut Pendidikan Guru (“IPG”) Kampus Bahasa Melayu, Lembah Pantai, W.P Kuala Lumpur. IPG is one of the Strategic Partners and Official Venue for FLL Malaysia 2016, hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> FLL Malaysia with more than 1,000 participants aged between 9 to 16 years old.

During the FLL Malaysia 2016 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony, **Group Managing Director of Sasbadi Holdings, Mr Law King Hui** highlighted the success of team Reveles from SMJK Chung Ling, Pulau Pinang which represented Malaysia in the First Lego League World Festival in St. Louis, USA during 27 to 30 April 2016; they won the **Mechanical Design Award** which was judged based on the skill and excellence of the team’s robot design.

FLL announced last September 2015 that the theme for this year is "**Trash Trek**". This year’s theme requires the participants to do research and solve real-world problems about the current system of trash and garbage disposal by proposing innovative ideas that can conserve and preserve the environment. These ideas are presented with an understanding and application of science, technology and robotics.

In his speech, Mr Law said, “FLL provides an engaging and fun experience to the young generation all around the world to become innovators and problem solvers. By addressing real

world problems, they are given the opportunity to apply all that they have learned through their daily lives not just for the purpose of winning but to face the challenges of the future.”

Mr Law further added that, “the competition is a wonderful platform for creativity and innovation; the sky is the limit for these children to practice imagination and creativity in solving problems. With the combination of science and technology, they are developing essential skills necessary of our future innovators and leaders.”

Mr Law concluded his speech by expressing appreciation towards all those involved in making FLL Malaysia 2016 a reality. He said, “FLL is a platform to cultivate an effective workforce of the future and to build a positive perception of science and technology among the nation’s youth. The contributions of all supporting parties have given more young people the opportunity to reach their true potential.”

The FLL competition was judged in four areas: 1) project presentation, 2) robot performance, 3) technical design and programming of the robot, and 4) teamwork with a consideration of the FLL Core Values. The winners of the FLL Malaysia 2016- Trash Trek will represent Malaysia at the FIRST Lego League World Festival 2017 in the USA.

In the speech presented by the **Director of Co-Curricular and Arts Division, Puan Rozainum binti Ahmad on behalf of the Director General of Education, Ministry of Education Malaysia, Y. Bhg. Dato’ Sri Dr. Khair bin Mohamad Yusof** mentioned, “Robotics programmes which exemplify the use of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are in line with the government’s effort to promote creativity and innovation in education. These programmes encourage Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) where children have to analyse and innovate using STEM principals. Therefore, these programmes are instrumental in achieving the 60:40 basis (science:literature) of students, bringing us closer to achieving a developed nation status for our country in line with the Vision 2020.”

In the speech he added, “The government also places great importance on innovation when it comes to students’ capacity in science and technology. The element of innovation through robotics needs to be reinforced to prepare a new generation of industry players capable of competing at the global level.”

The strategic partners of FLL Malaysia 2016- Trash Trek are the Ministry of Education (“MOE”), the National Science Centre (“MOSTI”), Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Bahasa

Melayu (“IPG”) and Bechtel Malaysia. IPG is also the Official Venue of FLL Malaysia 2016. The Institution of Engineering and Technology (“IET”), LEGO® Education, KDU University College, Universiti Teknologi Petronas, UCSI University, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Penang Science Cluster, Telekom Malaysia Berhad (“TM”), Communications and Multimedia Commission (“MCMC”) and Bank Rakyat are the supporting partners for FLL Malaysia 2016- Trash Trek.

The FLL Malaysia 2016 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony was graced by the Director of the Co-curricular and Arts Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia, Y. Berusaha Puan Rozainum binti Ahmad representing Y. Bhg. Dato’ Sri Dr. Khair bin Mohamad Yusof, Director General of Education, Ministry of Education. Other respected guests present were Group Managing Director of Sasbadi Holdings, Mr Law King Hui; the Director of IPG Kampus Bahasa Melayu, Y. Bhg. Dr. Hjh. Maridah binti Alias; the Country Manager of Bechtel Malaysia, Mr Gary Yau; Chairman of IET Malaysia, Y. Bhg. Ir. Dr. Matthew Teow; and Y. Bhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. R. Vigna Kumaran as the Chief Judge of FLL Malaysia 2016.

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## About Sasbadi Holdings Berhad

**Sasbadi Holdings Berhad (“Sasbadi Holdings” or the “Group”)** is primarily a publisher of educational materials, undertaking print publishing focusing on primary and secondary school education. While most of its educational materials are based on the Malaysian National School Curriculum, the Group also publishes other non-curriculum based educational materials and general title books. The Group also undertakes online publishing of educational materials based on the Malaysian National School Curriculum. Sasbadi Holding’s business is also complemented by the distribution of applied learning products designed to provide hands-on learning experience to students. These products comprise miniature building blocks and mechanical, electrical and electronic components, as well as devices for measuring and analysing live signals, and software to create measurement and control systems.

## **ABOUT FIRST®**

Accomplished inventor Dean Kamen founded FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in 1989 to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Based in Manchester, N.H., FIRST designs accessible, innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills while motivating young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology, and engineering. With support from three out of every five Fortune 500 companies and more than \$12 million in college scholarships, the not-for-profit organization hosts the FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC® ) and FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC® ) for high-school students, FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL® ) for 9 to 16-year-olds and Junior FIRST® LEGO® League (Jr.FLL™) for 6 to 9-year-olds. Gracious Professionalism™ is a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. To learn more about FIRST, go to [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org).

## **ABOUT THE LEGO® GROUP**

The LEGO Group is a privately-held firm based in Billund, Denmark. The LEGO Group is committed to the development of children's creative and imaginative abilities through high-quality, creatively educational play materials, and its employees are guided by the motto adopted in the 1930s by founder Ole Kirk Christiansen: "Only the best is good enough." For more information, visit [www.LEGO.com](http://www.LEGO.com).

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