



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **PRESIDENT OF THE PARALYMPIC COUNCIL OF MALAYSIA**

In reference to the media report in a leading English daily dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the Paralympic Council of Malaysia (PCM) would like to clarify that the national attire is a non-issue from the beginning because PCM, who has been entrusted together with the relevant government agencies in preparation of the Malaysian Para Contingent for Asian Para Games Jakarta 2018, had already begun negotiations and had in fact secured TuneTalk, Bata Malaysia and Naza Corporation Holdings as sponsors thus far. In the circumstance, the statement made by Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, YB Steven Sim, is correct and PCM concurs with him.

In standard practices, the attire is often distributed to the Contingent a few days prior to departure for the Games. The source of the report has therefore misunderstood the preparatory process of getting sponsors for the national attire and in particular the timeframe leading up to the Games.

PCM as a responsible NGO is now strategising to be financially independent and is continually seeking corporate sponsors to be the financial anchors. In fact, PCM will be initiating a crowd funding soon to support all PCM activities to advance the objectives of the Paralympic Movement in Malaysia.

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