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### **MORE THAN 2,500 RUNNERS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR AUTISM AWARENESS**

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Danajamin Nasional Berhad's ("Danajamin") Mighty Run 2018 today saw more than 2,500 runners participating in their charity run in support of autism awareness at Perdana Botanical Garden, Kuala Lumpur.

YB Hannah Yeoh, Deputy Minister of Women, Family and Community Development was also present at the event to flag-off over 1,700 participants for 5KM Fun Run category alongside Mohamed Nazri Omar, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Danajamin and its Board of Directors before visiting the mobile snoezelen room.

The event, now in its third year, have successfully collected RM110,000.00 for The National Autism Society of Malaysia (NASOM) to assist the organisation in building an inclusive society where people with autism can reach their full potential, participate in their communities, and lead a meaningful life.

Mohamed Nazri Omar, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Danajamin shared, "This year's Danajamin Mighty Run marks our third year and we are thrilled to receive such overwhelming participation from the public, with the number of runners growing to almost triple this year."

"Through this event, we hope to nurture a caring community amongst the public by providing better exposure and understanding on Autism Spectrum Disorder. Persons on the spectrum grow up, communicate, think, feel, behave, and respond to their surroundings differently. As a result, these persons are often misunderstood, misjudged, and sidelined."

"This is why we have introduced several sensory activities along the 5km and 10km running routes and also partnered Art Jamila, a painter who was diagnosed as Autistic at the age of 4, by featuring her painting titled 'Unity in Diversity' in all of Danajamin Mighty Run's collaterals."

The Chairman of NASOM, Puan Feilina Feisol shared that “early intervention is the best hope for those on the spectrum and it involves parents coming forward, registering and obtaining proper diagnosis for their autistic children. This will also ultimately help with the challenge of obtaining better information from the public to enable and support comprehensive policy decision and capacity building”.

The proceeds from Danajamin Mighty Run 2018 were handed by Mohamed Nazri Omar to Feilina Feisol, Chairman of NASOM at the event. Contributions from the previous Danajamin Mighty Run 2016 and 2017 have since benefited NASOM and its students including, respectively, an upgraded Vocational Centre in Bandar Puteri, Kelang and a newly-created Snoezelen Room facility at their Early Intervention Centre in Gombak.

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