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RM500 million financing facility to support Bumiputera contractors for Pan Borneo Highway project

KUCHING --- Unit Peneraju Agenda Bumiputera (TERAJU) today formally exchanged documents with four leading institutions that have come together with TERAJU to facilitate credit guarantees and financing facilities for Bumiputera companies undertaking sub-contract packages in the Pan Borneo Highway project.

TERAJU, together with collaborative partners Syarikat Jaminan Pembiayaan Perniagaan Berhad (SJPP) and Credit Guarantee Corporation (CGC) would provide government and credit guarantees respectively to assist Bumiputera sub-contractors to obtain commercial financing from SME Bank and RHB Islamic Bank Berhad.

Datuk Husni Salleh, CEO of TERAJU said, "This special arrangement would improve and strengthen the ability of Bumiputera sub-contractors to participate directly in the highway development through competitive financing packages and minimal collateral requirements to help mobilise the awarded projects. This will not only help spur the local value-chain but will also create more high-skilled talents among the local Bumiputera."

Some 50 Bumiputera sub-contractors from the Pan Borneo Highway Sarawak and Sabah are expected to benefit from this initial programme that will be offering financing facility for both working capital and asset acquisition at a competitive rate of up to BFR +1.25 per cent per annum.

TERAJU entered into the formal exchanges with SME Bank represented by COO Banking Datuk Kamaluddin Ismail; RHB Islamic Bank Berhad represented by managing director and CEO Datuk Adissadikin Ali; Credit Guarantee Corporation (CGC) represented by President & CEO Datuk Mohd Zamree Mohd Ishak; and Syarikat Jaminan Pembiayaan Perniagaan Berhad (SJPP) represented by managing director Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi.

The formal exchange was witnessed by Federal Minister of Works, Datuk Seri Haji Fadillah bin Yusof cum chairman of the Majlis Ekonomi Bumiputera (MEB) Sarawak; and Sarawak

Assistant Minister of Entrepreneur Development and Small and Medium Industry and Assistant Minister of E-Commerce, Datuk Haji Mohd Naroden bin Haji Majais.

“This pilot programme will provide the opportunity to local Bumiputera contractors to participate in different levels of the project ranging from consultation to vendor and supplier development. At this juncture, we wish to record our thanks to our collaborative partners, SJPP, CGC, RHB Islamic and SME Bank for joining TERAJU on this initiative,” added Datuk Husni.

The Pan Borneo Highway shall provide a high economic multiplier for Sarawak and Sabah by opening up more areas with access and encouraging greater mobility as well as boost economic sectors such as construction and tourism.

When completed, the highway would open up economic corridors and opportunities in areas that it traverses, and in which more Bumiputera companies and individuals can thrive.

The highway would also afford integration in international commerce and trade as it traverses into neighbouring Brunei and Kalimantan.

TERAJU’s role would be to ensure that the Bumiputera sub-contractors are assisted effectively to deliver on the successful completion of the massive highway which would heighten trade opportunities for many in Sarawak and Sabah to prosper.

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ABOUT TERAJU

Unit Peneraju Agenda Bumiputera (TERAJU) was established on 8 February 2011 as a strategic unit under the Prime Minister's Department with the express objective of spearheading progress through meaningful, resilient and sustainable Bumiputera economic participation.

Premised as a 'Game Changer', TERAJU is anchored on five key thrusts under the Bumiputera Economic Transformation Roadmap 2.0 – strengthening human capital, promoting higher value employment and income, increasing Bumiputera share and value of corporate equity, strengthening entrepreneurship, and increasing ownership of non-financial assets.

In addition to economic transformation, TERAJU has the role of ensuring that the ideals in education, health, social and culture, living environment, and Bumiputera stature are lifted to greater heights, and weaved into Malaysia's plural social fabric through Transformasi Kesejahteraan Bumiputera (Bumiputera Wellbeing Transformation).

Today, TERAJU has recorded RM112 billion in total value created for Bumiputerans, generated more than 43,000 jobs, assisted with RM13.29 billion in private investments through its facilitation fund, and registered RM8.6 billion in market capitalisation from listing emerging Bumiputera companies on the Bursa Malaysia.

TERAJU's framework of success has been built through the collaborative effort of the Bumiputera Economic Empowerment Unit (UPEB) that reside in 24 ministries and the Prime Minister's Department. UPEB comes under the purview of the Majlis Ekonomi Bumiputera (MEB) led by the Prime Minister of Malaysia. Initiatives are carried out alongside with government agencies at various levels, economic corridors, GLCs/GLICs and the private sector.

For a more detailed insight, please log onto www.teraju.gov.my.