



# OPINIONS & IMAGININGS II

## Climate Action

A compilation of winning non-fiction, fiction and photos  
by young Malaysians for the Maybank Foundation –  
Perdana Leadership Foundation

**“Empowering Youth for a Better ASEAN”**

Writing & Photo Contest 2020



*"We do not inherit this planet from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."*

We are now in the midst of a climate crisis. Five of the warmest years have all occurred since 2015, with temperatures estimated to be 1.15 °C above the pre-industrial average. Products of global warming – rising sea levels, extreme weather conditions, and higher concentrations of greenhouse gases – continue to put developing countries at risk with billions of dollars projected to cover damages. This calls for heightened awareness and urgent action, including from the youth of the world who will inherit this earth.

This publication proudly presents the top winning entries of young Malaysian writers and photographers between the ages of 13 and 23 years who share their thoughts, fears, hopes, and imaginings on climate change through thoughtful essays, arresting photos, and creative short fiction for the Maybank Foundation – Perdana Leadership Foundation "Empowering Youth for a Better ASEAN" Writing & Photo Contest 2020.

This publication also features the text of the speech by former Prime Minister YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad which was delivered at the prize-giving ceremony.



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