

16/11/2016 - Asia Pacific For You (APAC4U) A Day With KSN

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Salam "1Malaysia:

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Chief Executive Officer of iM4U;

Senior government officials,

APAC4U delegates,
Members of the Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. First and foremost, I would like thank all of you, particularly delegates of APAC4U, for being here today. I am humbled and honoured to be invited as part of this year's APAC4U, brought to you by Malaysia's very own, iM4U.

iM4U

2. iM4U has been established since 2012, becoming one of the leading youth volunteering platforms in Malaysia. Striving to build more resilient youth whilst fostering great leaders of tomorrow, iM4U has organised more than 3,000 volunteering activities in Malaysia since its establishment.

3. The year 2015, marked the first year **ASEAN4U** was held in Kuala Lumpur, in conjunction with the ASEAN Summit. ASEAN4U was a **collaborative effort between iM4U and various government agencies as well as non-government organisations (NGOs)**. It **brought together delegates from ASEAN countries to carry out volunteering activities in Malaysia**, which allows volunteers an insight and experience themselves conducting such activities in our country.

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4. Due to the success of ASEAN4U, we have decided to extend the outreach to Asia Pacific countries including China, India, Japan and Australia. This culminates in **APAC4U**, as we now come to know. It aims to be a **volunteer network program** that fosters and strengthens the **spirit of volunteerism among youth in the Asia Pacific nations**.

5. This program has created opportunities for volunteers of different backgrounds, to **share their experiences and impart their knowledge** to their peers, while allowing them to gain a **hands-on experience of carrying out various volunteer activities in Malaysia**. APAC4U organises broad-ranging activities like feeding the homeless with Kechara Soup Kitchen, planting mangrooves in Kuala Selangor and taking part in a green sustainability program with EcoKnights.

6. Perhaps, iM4U would be able to **develop some social-enterprises** among our APAC4U members. Through social enterprises, we would not only be able to develop young entrepreneurs, but also **contributing to the social-economic uplifting** of our respective societies back home.

7. I would also encourage you to **share any wonderful ideas** you may have with me or iM4U. Make change and do good where ever you are. This program is merely a minor step in the changes you can make in your home country.

8. Before I conclude, I would like to acknowledge the great effort by iM4U in organising APAC4U. I would definitely inform our Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Mohd Najib bin Tun Hj Abdul Razak, of your commitments and great efforts. **Congratulations to iM4U and PUSPANITA** for the collaboration in hosting the event today. As the Advisor to PUSPANITA, I would say that **PUSPANITA has always been supportive of youth volunteer activities**. The presence of YBhg Puan Sri Datuk Rohani here today is a testimony of PUSPANITA's commitment.

9. Once again, thank you to the APAC4U delegates for your presence and I do hope that you would enjoy your stay throughout in Malaysia and bring home fond memories and good experiences.

Thank you!

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