

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **INTEGRITY, GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION AWARDS (AIGA) 2022**

#### **RECOGNISING COMMITMENT OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN ENHANCING EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE**

##### ***92 Public & Private Sector Organisations Receive Integrity, Governance & Anti-Corruption Awards (AIGA) 2022***

**Kuala Lumpur, 18 January 2023** – The inaugural Integrity, Governance and Anti-Corruption (AIGA) Awards 2022 ceremony organised by the Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM) was officiated by YAB Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Haji Yusof, the Deputy Prime Minister, representing the YAB Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim. The event was also graced by YBhg Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Board of Director IIM.

AIGA is an award created by IIM aimed at recognising and appreciating the public and private sector that have shown commitment and effort in cultivating integrity and good governance practices. This recognition sets a benchmark that allows organisations to measure the effectiveness of the initiatives implemented to improve integrity practices in their respective organisations. AIGA also sets the benchmark for their internal management system focused on the good governance and the internal control system to curb corruption in any organisation.

AIGA's assessment is based on international standard criteria, including the ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) and the ISO 9001 Quality Management System. The panel of judges is made up of experienced experts from the public and corporate sectors as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs) namely in the fields of quality audit, integrity, governance and anti-corruption.

"IIM received as many as 116 entries from organisations of the public and private sector from all over the country. Out of this total, only 92 organisations were selected to receive the AIGA Awards 2022 which include 16 Gold Awards, 34 Silver Awards and 42 Bronze Awards.

This reflects the commitment of many parties toward the importance of practicing a culture of integrity and good governance in their organisation," said Datuk Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi, Chief Executive Officer of IIM.

The top five (5) Gold Award recipients with the highest scores were shortlisted for the Platinum category, and they are the Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department, Padi Beras Nasional Berhad (BERNAS), Johor Port Berhad, Tenaga Nasional Berhad and Northport Bhd. The evaluation for the Platinum category was carried out by a Special Evaluation Panel comprising YBhg Tan Sri Abu Kassim Bin Mohamed, YBhg Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Bin Omar, and YBhg Professor Datuk Ir Ts Dr Siti Hamisah Binti Tapsir.

These five organisations have shown the highest commitment, especially at their Top Management level, in ensuring the implementation of the culture of integrity, governance and anti-corruption practices in their respective organisations. The award recipients also expressed their appreciation for IIM's initiative to organise AIGA which encourages organisations to strive towards improvement by highlighting the potential of their respective organisations.

BERNAS was selected as the recipient of the AIGA Platinum Award this year. One of BERNAS' unique best practices was an independent whistleblowing channel managed by a third party. The impact of this implementation was evident in the increase of the number of reports received which clearly show confidence of whistleblowers to come forward to lodge reports against practices that contravene integrity as well as corrupt practices in the organisation. Statistics from 2020 to 2022 had shown an increase from zero (0) reports to seven (7) reports lodged during that period.

In the case of Northport, the effectiveness of the implementation of integrity, governance and anti-corruption initiatives could be seen from the decline in criminal syndicate cases as well as the marked increase in the organisation's financial performance. This in turn has increased trust among Northport customers that it is an efficient port with high integrity.

Similarly, Johor Port Berhad has also ensured that Governance be included as part of their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria in the organisation's Corporate KPI. In this regard, all Johor Port staff are required to ensure procedures, work processes and other regulatory requirements are adhered to in their day-to-day duties.

"The uniqueness of AIGA compared to other awards lies in the fact that we require Top Management to ensure the implementation and inculcation of a culture of integrity, governance and anti-corruption practices are embedded into every organisational work process. We also recognise and appreciate the efforts made by

agencies in improving the landscape and ecosystem of Integrity, Governance and Anti-corruption across all industries in Malaysia,” added Datuk Wan Suraya.

The implementation of AIGA is in line with the enhancement of IIM's role which is now based on three main core functions including Education, Advocacy and Training, Research and Publication, as well as Strategic Collaborative Efforts. IIM has also been mandated to help strengthen the capacity and the competency of integrity and governance of the public and private sectors through its consultancy offerings, training and integrity assessment.

The conclusion of AIGA 2022 also saw the launch of AIGA 2023 by YAB Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister.

**Note : For the full list of bronze, silver and gold category winners, please refer to the attachment.**

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## **About the Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM)**

The Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM) was established in April 2004 with the objective of coordinating, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the National Integrity Plan (NIP). In January 2019, the National Integrity Plan was superseded by the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP).

The implementation of the NACP was developed by the National Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC), to establish the main objectives based on the initiatives that would be taken by each public and private organisation to deal with corruption, integrity and governance matters over the next five years.

NACP's vision is to create a corruption-free country through three specific goals, namely, the Accountability and Credibility of the Judiciary, Prosecution and Law Enforcement Agencies; Efficient and responsive Public Service Delivery, and Integrity in Business.

IIM functions as the operational body of GIACC with the aim of developing the capacity and efficiency of the public and private sectors to assist the country in realising its objective of becoming a country known for its integrity.

IIM also provides consulting services, evaluation tools and training services to government agencies, private organisations including small and medium-sized enterprises through the Anti-Corruption Management System (ABMS), Anti-Corruption Development Plan (OACP), Individual Profile Assessment (IIP), Integrity Assessment Instrument (IAT), Community Integrity Development (CIB) and Ethics and Integrity Training Programme.