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## **MoU Signing between NGC Energy and MERCY Malaysia**

**KUALA LUMPUR, October 19, 2015**-NGC Energy together with MERCY Malaysia wish to help minimise the risks posed by natural disasters here in Malaysia. Therefore, the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by both parties today to initiate the School Preparedness Programme for schools in Malaysia. This is the first ever collaboration between NGC Energy and MERCY Malaysia.

The Programme contributes to disaster awareness and facilitates disaster management planning in schools. It engages students to take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others in the event of a disaster by providing practical, hands-on activities in schools. The Disaster Risk Reduction department together with NGC Energy volunteers will be conducting the programmes for the duration of one year.

*"It is exciting for us to undertake a disaster risk reduction project of this nature with the future leaders of Malaysia. It is also our first collaboration with MERCY Malaysia. With the increasing need for disaster preparedness and disaster education, NGC Energy is looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship with MERCY Malaysia",* said NGC Energy General Manager, Julianna Kamaruddin.

The School Preparedness Programme objectives are to:

- Educate the school children about the safe use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG);
- Promote a culture of disaster preparedness and
- Increase the capacity of schools and students to effectively respond to disasters.

The School Preparedness Programme will be conducted in 3 schools in Kuala Lumpur involving 40 students and 5 teachers. The programme is conducted in two phases and runs for a duration of a year. Phase 1 consists of workshops and activities that focus on disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and climate change adaptation. Here participants are trained to be observant towards their surroundings and are urged to take action should they come across what may become hazardous obstacles during a disaster. Participants will be taught the importance of having an emergency "Grab Bag" – a three day survival pack. Phase 2 will serve as a refresher, as well as a stage to measure the effectiveness of the programme for the participants.

*"Through these initiatives the programme will increase the capacity of schools to respond to natural disasters and also increase community awareness about the importance of disaster preparedness and how to remain safe in these situations. Together with NGC Energy, we hope to teach students about disaster preparedness that will help build greater awareness across the whole community",* said Ir. Amran Mahzan, Honorary Treasurer of MERCY Malaysia

NGC Energy and MERCY Malaysia are committed to helping youth and young adults become better prepared for a disaster or emergency. They will be working closely with the Ministry of Education to raise awareness of disaster risk and build resiliency among young people.

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#### **About MERCY Malaysia**

MERCY Malaysia is a non-profit organisation focusing on providing medical relief, sustainable health-related development and risk reduction activities for vulnerable communities in both crisis and non-crisis situations. MERCY Malaysia recognises the value of working with partners and volunteers as well as providing opportunities for individuals to serve with professionalism. We uphold the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief and hold ourselves accountable to our donors and beneficiaries. As a non-profit organisation, MERCY Malaysia relies solely on funding and donations from organisations and generous individuals to continue our services to provide humanitarian assistance to our beneficiaries. For more information, please visit [www.mercy.org.my](http://www.mercy.org.my)

#### **How is MERCY Malaysia funded?**

To ensure independence and impartiality, MERCY Malaysia relies on donations from the general public for financial support. A portion of our income is obtained from institutional donors, individual government grants and other international organizations, which are given on project basis. MERCY Malaysia spends 80% of its income in carrying out its relief operations and support.

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In order to avoid confusion with other organisation(s) that uses "Mercy" as the organisation's name or part of the organisation's name, please take note that in addressing the name of our organisation, the wordmark for MERCY Malaysia is with capitalised "MERCY", followed by the word "Malaysia". When describing the organisation, the term "MERCY Malaysia" must always be used in full, and should not be partially referred to as "MERCY", or "Mercy". Thank you for your cooperation.