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ALERT: The Malay Language Theatre Competition between National-type Tamil Schools (SJKC) competing for the Championship Trophy and Cash involves 60 schools and 10 states with the participation of 610 people beginning in March until April in Peninsular Malaysia - National Department for Culture and Arts.

EMPOWERING THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE IN NATIONAL-TYPE CHINESE AND TAMIL SCHOOLS THROUGH THEATRE PERFORMING ARTS

KUALA LUMPUR 4 May – In popularizing Bahasa Melayu to all Malaysians, the Department for Culture and Arts (JKKN), Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia, Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka (DBP) and Ministry of Education jointly coordinated by Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Association (Persatuan Seni Pentas Kuala Lumpur) remain committed in promoting and glorifying the National Language among younger generation through the Malay Language Theatre Competition between Tamil schools of 2019 at the National level by providing the opportunity and space to all National-Type schools throughout Malaysia for student's to showcase their talents in theatre performing arts.

Started in 2007 until present, JKKN have taken the initiative by providing opportunity to the Ministry of Education Malaysia to collaborate in popularizing the National Language Month each year by organizing such competitions. This year's competition involves 60 National-Type Tamil Schools in ten (10) states in Peninsular Malaysia with the involvement of a total of 610 students. The preliminary stage of this competition started on 23 March until 6 April 2019 which started with the northern States of the Peninsular.

Among the objectives of implementing this programme are to introduce, and foster the interest and love towards theater performing arts at the primary

school level. Through this competition, they are able to improve their speech skills and proficiency of the National Language among themselves along with increasing self-confidence and communication in the art and Language.

“This programme is highly suitable to be implemented in empowering human capital towards fostering noble values amongst primary school students apart from enhancing national unity and integration,” said the JKKN Director General, Tan Sri Norliza Rofli in a statement today.

The competition which is being held for the 13th time is one of the programmes to support the Ministry of Education Malaysia along with Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka (DBP) in popularizing the National Language through collaboration with Non-Governmental Organization or arts activists to nourish the spirit of unity among races in Malaysia. The main winner of this competition will receive a cash prize of MYR5,000, Championship Trophy, a complementary trophy and also certificate of participation, the second place winner will receive MYR3,000, a complementary trophy and certificate of participation, while the third place winner will receive MYR2,000, a complementary trophy and certificate of participation. There are also consolation prizes for the four (4) groups in bringing home MYR500 in cash, complementary trophies and certificates.

JKKN also introduced few awards for individuals and groups through the Jury’s Special Award, Best Male Actor and Best Female Actor categories with each bringing home MYR500 in cash, a complementary trophy and a certificate. The ceremony was also attended by YB.Tuan Muhammad Bahktiar Wan Chik, the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, YB Madam Teo Nie Ching, the Deputy Minister of Education, Tan Sri Norliza Rofli, JKKN Director General and Datuk Haji Abang Sallehuddin Bin Abang Shokeran, Director General of Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka.

The National Department for Culture and Arts, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia are always aware in searching for initiatives that provides added value, enhancement toward the sustainability of the nation’s cultural arts and language towards popularizing and catalyzing to the nation’s cultural art development through efforts in supporting such human capital development.

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