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CGC Sponsors Merdeka Midnight Rugby 10s 2019

SHAH ALAM, 30 August – Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia Berhad (CGC) sponsored a rugby tournament in collaboration with the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia and Home of Warriors Rugby Club (HOW) on the eve of our 62nd Hari Merdeka celebration.

The Merdeka Midnight Rugby Meet is part of the Ministry's Merdeka Carnival and this is the second year CGC is supporting this event as part of our corporate responsibility initiative. The event was graced by YB Tuan Eddin Syazlee Shith, Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia at Mini Stadium Shah Alam. Over 1,000 people including CGC Management, alumni members of 16 prestigious schools, students and the public were present and showed their support at the rugby tournament.

Chief Corporate Officer of CGC, Rahim Raduan said, "Sports is an effective platform to unite people from diverse background to a common goal and interest. Sports like rugby can also help to promote healthy living among Malaysians. CGC is honoured to sponsor this rugby tournament in the spirit of Merdeka which is in line with the theme for this year's Independence Day: 'Sayangi Malaysiaku, Malaysia Bersih'.

The 16 participating teams are ALSPEN Stingers RC (Alumni SMS Tun Syed Shahabudin, Penang), ASAS RC (Alumni Sekolah Alam Shah, Putrajaya), C70 (Alumni Taman Sri Rampai Veteran, Selanhor), Edwardian Tigers (Alumni SM King Edward V, Perak), ExSAS RC (Alumni Sekolah Menengah Sains Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, Pahang), JENAN RC (Alumni Sekolah Menengah Sultan Abdul Halim, Kedah), KKB Great Wall (Alumni SM Kuala Kubu Baru, Selangor), KRAS (Alumni Sekolah Sains Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, Pahang), OPA RC (Alumni Royal Military College, Kuala Lumpur), SAJOHA Vets (Alumni Sekolah Sains Johor), SDAR RC (Alumni Sekolah Datuk Abdul Razak, Negeri Sembilan), SESMA Vets (Alumni Sekolah Menengah Sains Sultan Mahmud, Terengganu), Staroba RC (Alumni Sekolah Tuanku Abdul Rahman, Perak), STJ HOW (Alumni SM Sains Tuanku Jaafar, Negeri Sembilan), VI Legends (Alumni Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur) and XTigers RC (Alumni Sekolah Sains Machang, Kelantan).



President of HOW and Organising Committee Chairman, Megat Mohammad Faisal Khir Johari said, “The 2019 Merdeka Midnight Rugby 10s is organised by HOW to celebrate the 62nd Merdeka Day. Sixteen (16) rugby alumni teams throughout Malaysia participated in this tournament. The Merdeka Midnight Rugby is an avenue for HOW to raise funds to encourage more young Malaysians especially children to play rugby and have developmental program to nurture their talents. HOW would like to thank both Ministry of Communications and Multimedia as well as CGC for their strong support to make this tournament a success.”

Malaysia ranks 48th by the World Rugby Organisation and it is the most popular sport among top schools in Malaysia. In fact, many primary and secondary schools across the country have started establishing rugby clubs.

In addition to sponsoring the Merdeka Midnight Rugby tournament, CGC is also displaying its giant Jalur Gemilang flag in conjunction with the 62nd National Independence Day and Malaysia Day for the fifth consecutive year. The 91ft by 36ft flag is visible until the end of September 2019 to commuters boarding the LRT train from Subang Jaya to Kuala Lumpur as well as pedestrians and motorists approaching Bangunan CGC, the 16-story Headquarters building situated at Kelana Business Centre, Petaling Jaya.

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