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**Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia Berhad Bids Malaysian Paralympians  
Good Fortune at the 50th Special Olympics World Summer Games**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 08 March** - As part of extending its support towards different segments of the community, Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia Berhad (CGC) came on board as one of the sponsors for the 50th Special Olympics World Summer Games that would be held later this month at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Special Olympics Malaysia was founded in the year 1999, to provide year round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic sports, for both Malaysian children and adult sportsmen that faced intellectual and physical disabilities. The establishment of the institution grants these specially talented people, an avenue in which they could develop sportsmanship, build their courage, demonstrate strategic planning, project team spirit and at the same time; create both history and hope, in paving the path for the physically and mentally challenged and breathing life into their lives.

The World Games is held alternatively between the seasons of summer and winter, every two years. The 50th Special Olympics World Summer Games is set to be officiated by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, who doubles up as the Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces during the opening ceremony that would be held on 14 March.

A total of 44 Malaysian delegates would be competing in several forms of sports over the span of 8 days; namely, golf, athletics, aquatics, bocce, bowling, equestrian activities and lastly, the 7 a-side female football.

"Although life had dealt them a hard blow, it takes plenty of courage and determination to literally get up, stand tall and soldier on with life. Today, we are glad to be able to play a part in helping them reach their goals," said CGC's President/Chief Executive Officer, Mohd Zamree Mohd Ishak.

A special send off ceremony was held earlier today at the Sama-Sama Hotel at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and it was graced by the presence of YTM Raja Dato' Seri Yong Sofia Bt. Sultan Azlan Shah, Board member of the Special Olympics Malaysia Committee. Winner of the 'Para Athlete for the Year 2013' Malaysian Sports Award, Gold winner for the 2013 & 2016 Paralympics Games and 2013 & 2017 World Championship Winner, Ziyad Zolkefli was the Guest-of-Honour for the day.

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