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**SUHAKAM CALLS FOR GREATER DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH GLOBAL ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS DAY 2026**

**KUALA LUMPUR (21 MAY 2026)** - In conjunction with Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 2026, the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) reaffirms the importance of ensuring equal access to digital spaces, information, and technology for all persons, particularly persons with disabilities (PWDs).

Observed annually on the third Thursday of May, GAAD serves as a global reminder of the urgent need to advance accessibility and inclusion in the digital environment. As Malaysia continues to expand its digital ecosystem, accessibility must remain a fundamental human rights consideration and not an afterthought.

SUHAKAM emphasises that access to information, communication, education, employment, public services, and participation in public life increasingly depends on digital platforms and technologies. However, many persons with disabilities continue to face barriers due to inaccessible websites, mobile applications, online services, and communication systems. We wish to reiterate that digital accessibility is intrinsically linked to the principles of equality, dignity, non-discrimination, and meaningful participation as guaranteed under the Federal Constitution and reinforced through Malaysia's obligations under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

SUHAKAM therefore calls upon:

- i. Government agencies to strengthen inclusive digital governance and ensure all public digital platforms comply with universal accessibility standards;
- ii. Private sector actors, technology developers, and service providers to embed accessibility features into the design and development of digital products and services;
- iii. Educational institutions and workplaces to promote digital inclusion and accessible learning and working environments; and
- iv. Society at large to foster greater awareness, empathy, and understanding towards the lived experiences of persons with disabilities.

SUHAKAM also encourages stronger collaboration between policymakers, civil society organisations, disability advocates, and industry stakeholders in building a digital ecosystem that leaves no one behind.

An inclusive and accessible digital environment is essential to achieving a just, equitable, and human rights-based society. In embracing technological progress, Malaysia must ensure that all individuals, regardless of ability, are able to participate fully and equally in the digital age.

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**Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)  
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