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Hitachi opens student applications for the 14th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative

*Top four students to represent Malaysia in the forum to be held in
Yangon, Myanmar in July 2017*

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 26 January 2017 – Hitachi Asia Ltd. today announced that the 14th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI) is now open for applications to interested students attending seven participating universities to represent Malaysia at the regional forum, to be held in Yangon, Myanmar from 10-13 July 2017.

Established by Hitachi, Ltd. in 1996, HYLI is a regional thought-leadership and corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme which aims to identify Asia's future leaders. At the initiative, four of the best and brightest university students from each participating country will meet to discuss current regional and global issues. They will also exchange views with the region's prominent speakers representing governments, businesses and civil societies.

"For the past 20 years, HYLI has provided a platform for hundreds of talented, aspiring students to come together and be involved in creating the societies they wish to live in. We trust that many of our alumni are now well-placed in academia, government and business industries, making real impact within communities through their HYLI experiences," said Mr. Shinichi Sakai, Managing Director of Hitachi Asia (M) Sdn. Bhd.

The theme for the 14th HYLI is "**Challenges and Solution in ASEAN Urbanization**". During the HYLI week in Yangon, the students will have the opportunity to learn and engage with prominent leaders and individuals in the sector of urban planning and sustainable society in ASEAN region. In this forum, students can also expect intercultural exchange activities that will help build their networks and establish their

future career.

Registration for the 14th HYLI programme is open from now until 30 January 2017. Application is open for students from the seven participating universities, namely **Sunway University, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), and Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP).**

To qualify for the HYLI programme, students need to meet the following criteria:

1. Full-time undergraduate or graduate student at local universities affiliated with HYLI programme
2. Remain as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student until completion of HYLI programme in July 2017
3. Maintained a minimum CGPA / CAP / GPA of 3.0 out of 4 (or 3.5 out of 5)
4. Actively engaged in extra-curricular activities and / or community work
5. Have a keen interest in and be familiar with regional and global affairs
6. Fluent in English, both written and oral.
7. Commit to attending post-HYLI event in respective country to share lessons learned in HYLI with as many peers as possible
8. Thrive to spearhead realization of sustainable and inclusive society as a leader
9. Graduates of past HYLI programmes are not eligible to apply

Shortlisted students will be required to attend the interview with the Malaysia Student Selection Panel in April 2017. The four university students chosen to represent Malaysia will join their counterparts from Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan.

Interested students from the participating universities may request for an application form from the respective Student Affairs Office, or enquire for further information.

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About Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI)

The "Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative" (HYLI) is a community relations programme that aims to identify and nurture potential Asian leaders by bringing them together to discuss regional issues with influential government officials, prominent business leaders, academics and NGO representatives. Since its inauguration in Singapore in 1996, the HYLI has been successful in bringing the best and brightest students in Asia together. The initiative offers student participants a unique platform to broaden their outlook on regional and global issues while promoting Asian values and cross-cultural understanding. For more information, please visit <http://www.hitachi.com.sg/about/hitachi/activities/hyli/index.html>

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