



SPEECH TEXT

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PROGRAMME

“SPASTIC FUN RUN”

(29th ANNUAL CHARITY WALK-JOG-WHEEL-A-THON)

DATE/ TIME/ VENUE

**17 NOVEMBER 2024 (SUNDAY) | 9:00 AM
DATARAN MERDEKA, KUALA LUMPUR**

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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

A very good morning and Salam Malaysia Madani to all of you

(SALUTATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED)

1. First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the Organizing Committee of the **"Spastic Fun Run"** and the **29th Annual Charity Walk-Jog-Wheel-a-Thon**. It gives me great pleasure to spend this beautiful Sunday morning with all of you here today.
2. I was informed that this event is supported by 30 NGOs, and this certainly demonstrates a strong support system to the Persons with Disabilities (**PWD**) community. We are truly grateful for this effort carried out by the Spastic Children's Association Of Selangor & Federal Territory (**SCAS & FT**).

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

3. This year marks the 29th Edition of the annual **Walk-Jog-Wheel-A-Thon**, which first began in 1994 right here in Dataran Merdeka. Over **2,000 people** are present here today, and at least 300 are PWD participants, all taking part in this fun run together, as we support each other and promote empowerment.
4. Having participated in two editions of this charity run, I am happy to be walking side-by-side and giving my full support to the PWD community.

5. We, at Ministry of Women, Family, and Community Development (KPWKM) are doing our very best to support the needs of the PWD community. We are dedicated to fostering meaningful collaborations across the country to make this vision a reality, and ensuring that no one gets left behind.
6. As of **31st October 2024**, more than **740,000 PWDs (740,844)** have been registered with Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM), compared to 633,000 PWDs **(633,653)** registered in 2023. Our goal is to keep these numbers going and to gather more accurate data.

7. I would like to encourage everyone here in helping us to raise awareness and inspire every PWD to register with JKM ensuring that no one is left behind, especially in getting assistance from our Ministry.
8. This year, KPWKM has approved an allocation of more than **400,000 ringgit (RM412,632.00)** for organisations catering to the spastic and physically-disabled community throughout the country.
9. For **SCAS & FT** alone, a total of **117,600 ringgit** has been approved for the Special Needs Students' Allowance,

volunteers' token, and administrative matters. It is my hope that our efforts will continue helping each and every one of you and rest assured, we will continue helping whenever we can.

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

10. I am pleased to inform that during the tabling of the 2025 Budget by our Prime Minister last month, a total of **200 million ringgit** has been allocated to extend **the Special Needs Student Allowance of RM150 per month**, and this will benefit **more than 100,000 PWD students** across Malaysia.

An allowance increase of RM 300 will also be given every month to more than 18,000 PDK trainees (pelatih). Previously it was only RM 150

11. It was also announced that 5 million ringgit will be allocated to develop an **Autism Service Centre** in our country. KPWKM, through the *Jabatan Pembangunan Orang Kurang Upaya* (JPOKU), is working together with local Higher Learning Institutions (IPTAs) to develop the “***Modul Asuhan dan Jagaan Kanak-Kanak OKU***”.
12. Insya-Allah, our Ministry will provide further details on these plans and initiatives soon, and with the whole-of-society approach being taken in place, we will continue striving for our PWD community.

13. Before I conclude, I would like to once again express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and participants for your invaluable contributions and support in making today's event a success.
14. I wish all of you the very best and it is my hope that we will continue contributing for our PWD community. Together, we can make a lasting impact! From the famous movie Lilo & Stitch which instils family values and in conjunction with November being Bulan Keluarga Kebangsaan, "Ohana means family, and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten."

15. And with that ladies and gentlemen, I now officiate the
“Spastic Fun Run” and the **29th Annual Charity Walk-Jog-
Wheel-A-Thon!**

Thank you

Wabillahi taufiq walhidayah

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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