



WELCOMING NOTE

**H.E. DATO' SRI HAJAH NANCY SHUKRI
MINISTER OF WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

PROGRAMME

**OFFICIAL VISIT OF MS JANE ITTOGI SHANMUGARATNAM,
SPOUSE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
TO AUTISME SERVICES CENTRE, BANGI**

LOCATION / DATE / TIME

PUSAT PERKHIDMATAN AUTISME, BANGI (PPA BANGI)

AUTISM SERVICES CENTRE, (PPA BANGI)

14 JULY 2026 (TUESDAY) / 10:00 AM

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and good morning

1. First and foremost, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to **Ms Jane Ittogi** and **Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah** for graciously taking the time to visit our **Autism Services Centre in Bangi**. It is a profound privilege and great honour to receive Ms. Ittogi and Your Majesty today. This special visit marks a meaningful milestone in our shared commitment to advancing autism

awareness and strengthening support for autistic individuals.

2. The idea of establishing this centre came from witnessing the challenges that families face in raising children on the autism spectrum. Their journey has shown us the importance of understanding, patience, and access to quality support services. It has strengthened the ministry's commitment to ensuring that no family must face this journey alone.

3. Statistics show that as of June 2026, nearly **93,199 individuals with autism** were registered with the Department of Social Welfare. As public awareness grows, this number is expected to rise, underscoring the urgent need to strengthen autism support services.
4. Recognising the urgent need for more accessible autism services, the Government allocated **five (5) million Ringgit** to open this centre. This building was

originally part of the Industrial Training and Rehabilitation Centre under the Department of Social Welfare, **established in 1990** to provide vocational training and rehabilitation services for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), particularly individuals with learning and physical disabilities.

5. With the provided allocation the Ministry **upgraded a portion of this facility as Autism Services Centre**. This can be considered as quick wins and achievable to

meet the urgent needs to have affordable services for family with autistic children.

6. This Autism Services Centre is dedicated to provide specialised intervention, training, and holistic support for individuals with autism. It is managed through a public-private partnership with two appointed non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the **National Autism Society of Malaysia (NASOM)** and **PDK Damansara Damai**.

7. Here, we offer a comprehensive range of services, including early screening and intervention, intensive therapy programmes, family support groups, caregiver training, and community awareness initiatives. It also serves as a national reference centre, promoting best practices and strengthening the delivery of autism services across the country.

8. This Centre has the **capacity** to serve up to **90 individuals** and **currently supports 48** active participants through its programmes. Each participant undergoes an initial assessment, followed by an Individual Intervention Plan tailored to their specific needs.
9. Moving forward, the Government is expanding the Autism Services Centre model to Sabah, Sarawak, and Labuan, with a total allocation of **RM12 million**. This

expansion reflects the Government's continued commitment to making integrated autism services more accessible across Malaysia.

10. As I conclude, let me reaffirm the Government's unwavering commitment to building a more inclusive Malaysia for autistic child. Our aspiration is clear: to ensure that every person on the autism spectrum is given an equal opportunity to realise their fullest potential, regardless of their background.

11. Before I end, I would like to express my deepest appreciation once again to **Ms. Ittogi and Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah** for honouring us with your presence today.
12. I sincerely hope that today's visit will further strengthen our collective efforts to build a more compassionate and inclusive society where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

Together, we care, we support, and we empower.

Thank you.

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