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The

DIRECTOR OF YAYASAN SABAH CUM

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF INNOPRISE CORPORATION SDN. BHD.

In Response To

**MEDIA REPORT ON THE SALARY OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SABAH
FOUNDATION (UCSF) STAFF**

KOTA KINABALU (Monday) – In response to the media report on the salary of University College Sabah Foundation (UCSF) staff, as highlighted recently, the Yayasan Sabah Group Management wishes to clarify the situation.

The Covid-19 pandemic is atypical, affecting the daily business activities of many companies. Offices and factories have closed, and employees are forced to stay home. In the past 18 months, many businesses have been severely transformed and unduly collapsed. Sabah is not excluded from the dire effect of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Not only is our health affected, but it also can be felt and seen in our economy.

Since last year, educational colleges have faced unprecedented upheaval during the COVID-19 crisis. The destructive impact of Covid-19 is profound, and now traces of it are steadily lurking within the pillars of education. Like any other established college and university in Malaysia, UCSF is also feeling the crunch of the pandemic.

Based on UCSF's current financial situation and projected new student admissions in 2022, UCSF is not expected to be able to cover staff total salary payments. However, the Yayasan Sabah Group Management takes this matter seriously and strives to find the best solution.

As part of the Yayasan Sabah Group Management's commitment, additional funds are channelled to support UCSF staff's salary payment. The Yayasan Sabah Group Management will continue to engage with the Management of UCSF to sort out this matter for a long term solution.

The Management of Yayasan Sabah Group hopes that the UCSF's Management will put employee engagement as one of its utmost prominent primacies, especially during this challenging time.

In ensuring this matter will not be prolonged further, the Management of Yayasan Sabah Group has agreed to resolve this issue based on the decision of the Department of Labour Tribunal. The Management of Yayasan Sabah Group also directed the Management of UCSF not to appeal to the High Court to get a Judicial Review of the Labour Tribunal decision.

The Management of Yayasan Sabah Group is adamant about making sure that all efforts planned are implemented while providing the educational development agenda of our people continues.

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