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**PHASE 3 OF THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER
PROGRAMME: DIVE AGAINST DEBRIS®, BEACH CLEANUP &
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT LONG BEACH, PULAU
PERHENTIAN KECIL (10-12 MAY 2025)**

Pulau Perhentian Kecil, Malaysia, 28 April 2025 – The Black Eye Scuba Team (BEST), in collaboration with the Besut District Office, is set to host Phase 3 of the International Volunteer Programme: Dive Against Debris®, Beach Cleanup & Environmental Education from 10th to 12th May 2025 at Long Beach, Pulau Perhentian Kecil. This initiative aims to combat marine pollution, promote environmental awareness, and inspire sustainable practices among local and international volunteers.

As **Strategic Partner, Kenanga Investors Berhad (KIB)** plays a key role in supporting this initiative, reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible investment. KIB's dedication to sustainable practices aligns seamlessly with the mission of the International Volunteer Programme, which seeks to protect marine ecosystems and promote conservation through hands-on activities and education. Driven by its commitment to sustainability and its philosophy to Invest for Good, particularly through investing in communities, KIB works in support of initiatives that raise awareness, promote sustainable living, and encourage collective action. "Kenanga Investors is proud to partner BEST for this meaningful initiative. Our vision of investing for good expands our reach beyond the individual to the collective good of society and the environment. We recognise the powerful role that financial stewardship can play in driving positive change. As such, this initiative reflects our commitment to ensuring that our resources are leveraged to create a lasting, positive impact on local communities," said Datuk Wira Ismitz Matthew De Alwis, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of KIB.

This programme is further strengthened by the involvement of the PADI AWARE Foundation, which supports the Dive Against Debris® initiative. Through their global advocacy for marine conservation, PADI AWARE Foundation contributes valuable resources, expertise, and guidance to ensure effective data collection on underwater debris, driving policy changes for cleaner oceans.

The three-day programme will include:

- ✅ Dive Against Debris® – Certified divers will conduct underwater cleanups, collecting and recording marine debris data to contribute to global conservation efforts.
- ✅ Beach Cleanup – Volunteers will remove waste from the shoreline, preventing it from harming marine life and polluting coastal areas.
- ✅ Environmental Education – Interactive workshops and discussions will engage participants on ocean conservation, responsible tourism, and sustainable living practices. Volunteers will

be involved in educational activities with pupils at SK Perhentian, and attend a turtle conservation talk delivered by experienced conservationists.

"We are thrilled to continue our efforts through Phase 3 of this initiative. With the support of Kenanga Investors Berhad and PADI AWARE Foundation, we are making significant and meaningful strides in protecting our oceans and promoting environmental responsibility," said Mohd Ariff bin Ismail, Programme Director of BEST.

This initiative welcomes volunteers from all backgrounds, including divers, environmentalists, and nature enthusiasts, to join in creating a lasting impact on marine conservation.

Thank you.

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The **Morningstar Award 2025** has recognised the Kenanga Blue Chip Fund as Best Malaysia Large-Cap Equity Fund. The **Bursa Excellence Awards 2024** awarded KIB's exchange-traded funds' arm, Eq8 Capital Sdn Bhd with the Special Award – Thought Leadership for launching Eq8WAQF, the world's first Waqf-featured Exchange Traded Fund. Introduced under a newly established category, the award highlights innovations that are reshaping the investment landscape.

At the **LSEG Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2025**, KIB received awards for the Kenanga DividendExtra Fund ("KDEF") under the Best Equity Malaysia Diversified – Malaysia Funds over 3 years, Kenanga Malaysian Inc Fund ("KMIF") under the Best Equity Malaysia Diversified – Malaysia Provident Funds over 10 years, Kenanga Balanced Fund ("KBF") under the Best Mixed Asset MYR Balanced – Malaysia Provident Funds over 10 years, Kenanga Managed Growth Fund ("KMGF") under Best Mixed Asset MYR Flexible – Malaysia Provident Funds over 10 years, and Kenanga SyariahEXTRA Fund ("KSEF") under the Best Mixed Asset MYR Balanced – Malaysia Islamic Funds Awards over 10 years.

The Hong Kong-based Asia Asset Management's **2025 Best of the Best Awards** awarded KIG under the following categories, Malaysia Best Impact Investing Manager, Best Impact Investing Manager in ASEAN, Malaysia Best Equity Manager, Malaysia CEO of the Year (Co-Winner), Malaysia CIO of the Year, Malaysia Best House for Alternatives, Malaysia Best ESG Engagement Initiative, Malaysia Fund Launch of the Year, and Malaysia Best Retail Asset Management Company.

The **FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2024/2025** has awarded the Kenanga Growth Fund Series 2 with the "Sector Equity – Malaysia Focused" award for the third consecutive year since 2022. **We were also recognised at The BrandLaureate BestBrands Awards 2024 - Brand of the Year under the category Wealth Management & Investment Solutions.** For the eighth

consecutive year, KIB was affirmed an investment manager rating of IMR-2 by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad, since first rated in 2017. The IMR rating on KIB reflects the fund management company's well-established investment processes and sound risk management practices.

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