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## **RHB INSURANCE IN COLLABORATION WITH UNHCR TO SUPPORT REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA**

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Kuala Lumpur – RHB Insurance Berhad today, signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Malaysia for the Refugee Medical Insurance scheme (REMEDI), tailored to provide for the needs of refugees in Malaysia.

REMEDI is an innovative and practical effort that enables refugees to gain better access to national healthcare services in Malaysia, which includes Hospitalisation & Surgical procedures as well as Personal Accident coverage. The collaboration acts to provide medical assistance and financial aid for all registered refugees in Malaysia who purchase this scheme.

Kong Shu Yin, RHB Insurance Berhad's Managing Director said, "As refugees in Malaysia, they cannot be legally employed, they need extra help in healthcare and education. At RHB Insurance, we believe your health is your greatest wealth. Collaborating with the United Nations agency mandated to protect refugees gives us the opportunity to help those in need. These refugees can be assured of receiving quality service from us in terms of hassle free admission into government hospitals with no deposit required.

"The Launch of the REMEDI scheme marks a new partnership and commitment between UNHCR and RHB Insurance in ensuring we play our part to address the underserved segment of our community," added Kong.

As at end April 2016, there are some 154,140 refugees and asylum-seekers from countries like Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Somalia and Syria, registered with UNHCR in Malaysia.

"Refugees are unable to work legally in the country and are often unable to afford basic healthcare services, with families often finding themselves financially stretched, or even pushed into a state of deprivation, when a member of the family is hospitalized," said Richard Towle, UNHCR Representative in Malaysia.

"UNHCR warmly welcomes this collaboration with RHB Insurance to make life-saving treatments more accessible for refugees in Malaysia, thereby improving the welfare of refugee families, while reducing the burden on the public healthcare system."

UNHCR and RHB Insurance are targeting to obtain 30,000 policies in the first year. The individual rates are at RM164.30 for the Hospitalisation & Surgical scheme per annum for coverage amount of RM10,000. For additional RM12.20, refugees can get Personal Accident coverage of RM23,000.

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**About the RHB Banking Group**

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**About the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), or the UN Refugee Agency, is mandated to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees and asylum-seekers worldwide. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum in another country and rebuild their lives in safety and dignity.*

*The UN Refugee Agency has been working to protect and assist refugees in Malaysia since 1975. As there are currently no legislative or administrative provisions in place for dealing with the situation of refugees in the country, UNHCR conducts all activities related to the reception, registration, documentation and status determination of asylum-seekers and refugees.*

*UNHCR seeks long term solutions for refugees including finding them new homes in third countries or helping them return home voluntarily when it is safe to do so. While they are seeking temporary protection in Malaysia, UNHCR strives to create a safe and secure environment for them where their basic needs are met. UNHCR cooperates with its Government and civil society partners in humanitarian support for refugees including in education, healthcare and community support.*