Yayasan Pahang (YP) has successfully received recognition in the Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) ISO 37001: 2016 Certificate. The recognition was made by SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. on October 27, 2017, by the Department of Standards Malaysia. This recognition puts YP as the first 11 organizations in Malaysia and the first in the State of Pahang to receive the ISO 37001: 2016. The recognition makes YP as the first state foundation to receive the recognition.

The system launched internationally in October 2016. On the other hand, the Malaysian standard has been launched on October 27, 2017, by the Department of Standards Malaysia. The system is a series of measures to help organization to prevent, detect and respond to bribery that represents anti-corruption good practices globally. It will then be an initiative towards strengthening corporate governance integrity. The ISO 37001: 2016 can be applied and implemented at all levels of the organization whether large or small and medium enterprises, public and private organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

YP is serious in addressing corruption in its organization before the launching of ISO 37001: 2016. Where its collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has established the Corporate Governance and Integrity Centre (FGIC) at UMP. With this collaboration, UMP has developed the ABMS checklist as one of the efforts to comply with ISO 37001:2016. The ABMS checklist is a tool for helping organizations assess and measure their anti-bribery management system in place. It shows a formal and transparent commitment to prevention of bribery in the workplace.

YP's journey in recognition of the ISO 37001:2016 Certificate begins with its existing initiatives practiced in preventing and controlling the symptoms of corruption such as the implementation of ‘Audit Nilai’, corporate integrity pledges, the cultivation of noble values and the establishment of the Integrity and Governance Committee (JITU). YP is also one of the first state agencies that have a Certified Integrity Officer (CeIO) to maintain and monitor the integrity of its organization.

With the full support from its Board of Trustees and Management, YP developed documents and procedures in complying the ABMS standard requirements, in addition to several corruption awareness activities that have been planned and implemented in YP. Among the documents developed are ABMS quality manual, ABMS policy and objectives, planning of activities in achieving ABMS objectives, and the most critical part is to produce a list of possible corruption risks in the work processes in the organization. On the other hand, series of briefings with external suppliers such as lawyers and contractors were held as one of YP's initiatives and awareness in corruption issues. YP is also planning to conduct training and briefings to its stakeholders and
other business associations such as YP subsidiaries, relevant government agencies, strategic partnerships and community leaders.

YP hopes ABMS can be used by all organizations to curb corrupt activities among top management, investors, employees, customers, and stakeholders, as well as giving YP positive visibility in realizing their vision and mission. In the larger context, ABMS can enhance the image of the government, civil servants and countries especially in improving the position of corrupt perception index from the 55th ranking of 176 countries in 2016 to a better ranking in the coming year. In addition, YP will also promote education awareness to educate the younger generation, especially at the school-level and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) on ethics, integrity and corporate governance to curb corruption at the early stages.