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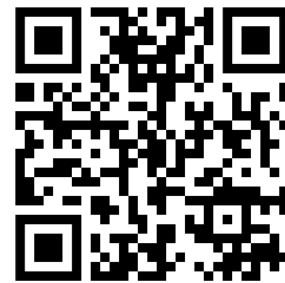
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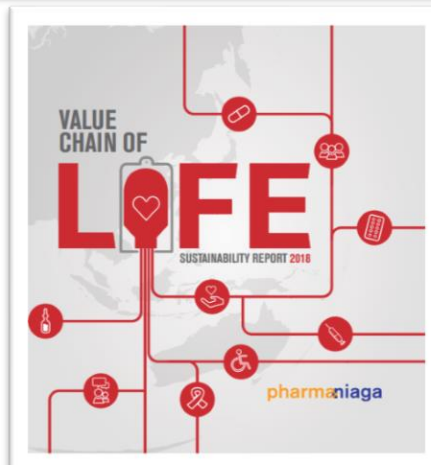
Greetings Bousteadians! The Boustead Sustainability Secretariat has just published our inaugural standalone Sustainability Report (SR) 2018. As you may notice, we had incorporated SR2017 into the Annual Report but due to the additional information we wanted to report, the Sustainability Management Committee decided to have a standalone report for SR 2018. As such, you can check out our latest Sustainability Report and our listed subsidiaries, by scanning the QR Codes below.



*Boustead Holdings Berhad*



*Boustead Plantations Berhad*



*Pharmaniaga Berhad*



*Boustead Heavy Industries Corporation*







# URBAN FARMING COMPETITION

In conjunction with Boustead Sustainability Day 2018, the Boustead Sustainability Secretariat (Sustainability Secretariat) organised the Urban Farming Competition. Those involved were selected departments and business units of Boustead Group which fit the logistics requirement in Menara Boustead.

The purpose of this competition was to introduce the hydroponic system to plant vegetables at the office with minimal maintenance required as the system is equipped with an automatic pump that can control irrigation of plants as well as nutrient supply. As a result, Bousteadians can have organic vegetables supply for free and learn a new technique to grow their own greens.

The Urban Farming Competition was conducted in two rounds:

- 1<sup>st</sup> round – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 until 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

The departments and business units involved were then required to submit their vegetables to the Sustainability Secretariat to record the weight of the vegetables after they had fully grown and the departments and business units with the highest average weight wins the competition.

Hence, the Sustainability Secretariat would like to proudly announce the top **5 winners** for the Urban Farming Competition:

No.	Department / Business Unit	Level	Average Weight (kg)
1.	Mutiara Rini Sdn Bhd	18	2.226
2.	IT Department, Boustead Holdings Berhad	19	1.993
3.	Company Secretarial, Boustead Holdings Berhad	13	1.632
4.	Corporate Communication & Administration, Boustead Holdings Berhad	15	1.069
5.	Finance Department, Boustead Heavy Industries Corporation Berhad	17	0.986

A big congratulations to all the winners! To everyone who took part, thank you for your participation in making the competition a success.





## **“ASIA-PACIFIC COUNTRIES SHOULD ACT JOINTLY FOR 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT” – UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



The United Nations (UN) stated that to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2030, Asia Pacific countries must work together and seek common ground to overcome the environment and climate challenges. According to Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana who is the UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Asia Pacific countries should learn and adapt from each other's best practices since most of the countries are suffering the same environmental problem due to rapid urbanization. She highlighted that the environment and climate changes are the most lagged.

Armida also stated firmly on how important it is for the countries to catch up with the progress with sharp focus in order to maintain and obtain the goals since the released of the Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2017 on promoting environmental sustainability has been insufficient. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with 17 SDGs and 169 targets, were adopted on September 25, 2015, at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in New York. It officially came into force on January 1, 2016. Countries are expected to take ownership and establish a national framework to achieve the 17 goals through its own sustainability development policies, plans and programmes since SDGs would be supported and complemented directly by the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 Armida said. In addition, she also mentioned how ESCAP could help out these countries to work together with facilitating the regional and sub-regional level since it is the largest UN body serving the Asia Pacific region and the most comprehensive of UHN's five regional commissions. The latest ESCAP analysis shows good progress since 2000 on the SDGs which are goal 1 and 7, but the situation had worsened on goal 10, 13 and 16.

*Source: The Edge Markets*



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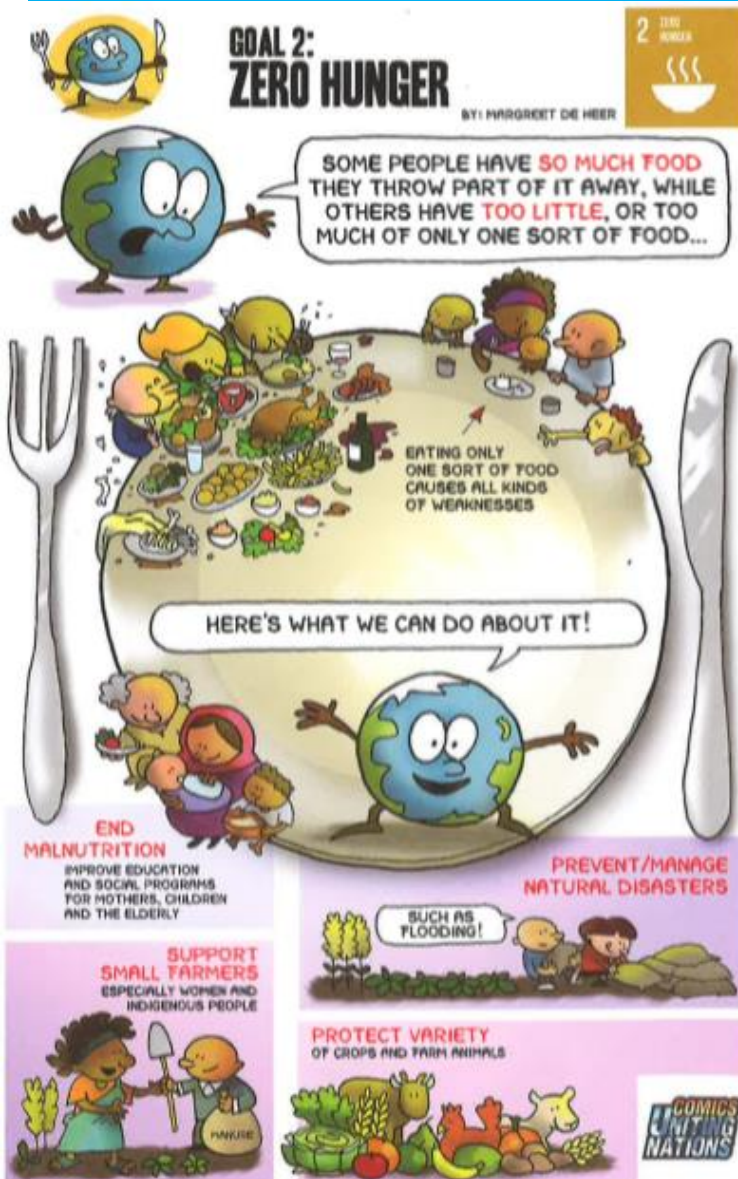
## GOAL 2 – ZERO HUNGER



**RECAP** Goal 1-No Poverty: Eradicating poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice and the key to unlocking an enormous human potential. Still, nearly half of the world's population lives in poverty, and lack of food and clean water is killing thousands every single day of the year. Together, we can feed the hungry, wipe out disease and give everyone in the world a chance to prosper and live a productive and rich life. (Please refer to our previous issue #3/2018)

**Goal 2 - Hunger is the leading cause of death in the world.** Our planet has provided us with tremendous resources, but unequal access and inefficient handling leaves millions of people malnourished. If we promote sustainable agriculture with modern technologies and fair distribution systems, we can sustain the whole world's population and make sure that nobody will ever suffer from hunger again.

Source: [theglobalgoals.org](http://theglobalgoals.org)



What you or your business can do to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture:

- ◆ **Make your companies green.** Plant some healthy vegetables on the balcony or rooftop of your office.
- ◆ **Managing Natural Resources.** Businesses need to ensure to manage and fully utilize their natural resources in a sustainable way.
- ◆ **Don't waste food.** Freeze fresh produce and leftovers if you don't have the chance to eat them before they go bad.
- ◆ **Consume less meat and become vegetarian for one day a week.** The meat production industry has a huge impact on the environment.
- ◆ **Buy local and in-season food.** Try to grow some of your own food.
- ◆ **Buy Funny Fruit.** Many fruits and vegetables are thrown out because their size, shape, or color are not "right". Buying these perfectly good funny fruit, utilizes food that might otherwise go to waste.

\*Note: Other SDGs will be highlighted in our next issue.

Source: [theglobalgoals.org](http://theglobalgoals.org)





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:

## GOAL 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Over the last 15 years, the number of childhood deaths has been cut in half. This proves that it is possible to win the fight against almost every disease. Still, we are spending an astonishing amount of money and resources on treating illnesses that are surprisingly easy to prevent. The new goal for worldwide Good Health promotes healthy lifestyles, preventive measures and modern, efficient healthcare for everyone.

Source: [theglobalgoals.org](http://theglobalgoals.org)



What you or your business can do to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

- ◆ To encourage a healthy work-life balance for employees.
- ◆ To provide good health coverage for all employees.
- ◆ Help rural or emergency areas with equal access to medicine. Not all of the people have equal access to medicine, especially in rural areas. Run a campaign to donate medicine that will be passed to rural or emergency areas.
- ◆ Walk! It's good for the mind, body, and the environment.
- ◆ Take care of your mental health. Meditate, talk to friends and family, and seek professional help.
- ◆ Vaccinate yourself and your kids. Protecting your family from disease also aids public health.
- ◆ Donate your blood. Safe blood saves lives!

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