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Multi-Party Democracy Caucus (KDPP) Celebrates First Anniversary with Launch of Inaugural Annual Report and Position Paper to Strengthen State Institutions

Petaling Jaya, 18 June 2026: The Multi-Party Democracy Caucus (*Kaukus Demokrasi Pelbagai Parti or KDPP*) today launched its inaugural Annual Report and Position Paper marking its first year of work to strengthen democratic governance and institutional reforms at the state level.

The Annual Report documents KDPP's work from 2025 to 2026 in promoting cross-party dialogue and institutional reform. This includes a series of democracy workshops and stakeholder engagements involving State Assembly Members, political parties, civil society organisations, university students, and members of the public, across several states. These engagements have focused on building shared understanding and momentum for reforms that strengthen democratic accountability, improve legislative scrutiny, and enhance governance at the state level.

Alongside the Annual Report, KDPP also launched its Position Paper, outlining a reform agenda centered on three key areas: political financing reform, constituency development fund (CDF) reform and the strengthening of State Legislative Assemblies (DUN).

The position paper calls for the enactment of political financing legislation, greater transparency and accountability in the allocation and management of CDFs, and reforms to strengthen legislative oversight through enhanced committee systems, increased sitting days, and formal recognition of Opposition Leaders within State Legislative Assemblies. **For further details on the policy positions of the KDPP, please refer to the Appendix.**

"Our Annual Report and Position Paper represent a culmination of work done by KDPP for the past year. Moving forward, I hope we can publish more research papers and expand the KDPP to members from Sabah and Sarawak. KDPP also represents a paradigm shift in Malaysian politics where we move beyond partisan politics and racial and religious polarisation and shift to a more rational and policy-oriented politics," said YB Dr Hafidzah Mustakim, KDPP co-chair.

"The work done by KDPP so far is critical as it advocates and pushes for state-level institutional reforms, especially empowering the checks and balances of the DUN. Ultimately, reforms such as enhancing the committee systems in the DUN, institutionalising the Opposition Leader and increasing the DUN sitting days will have tangible positive effects on our democracy," said YB Dato' Andansura Rabu, KDPP co-chair.

The launch of the Annual Report and Position Paper marks the beginning of KDPP's next phase of work, which will focus on in-depth research, advocacy and stakeholder engagement aimed at advancing democratic and institutional reforms at the state level, in more states.

With the upcoming state elections in Johor and Negeri Sembilan, KDPP calls on all political parties and candidates to commit to strengthening the DUN and advancing democratic and institutional reforms in their manifestos. KDPP further urges state governments to ensure equal CDF to all state assemblypersons, regardless of political affiliation, where such funds continue to be used. Equal treatment is essential to ensure fairness, accountability and effective representation to address development needs at the constituency level.

For more information and to download the KDPP Annual Report and Position Paper, please scan the QR code below:



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About KDPP

The Kaukus Demokrasi Pelbagai Parti (KDPP) is Malaysia's first multi-party, cross-state caucus of State Assembly Members (ADUNs), established to champion institutional reform and strengthen democratic governance at the state level. Comprising ADUNs from five different states and spanning the political spectrum, alongside representatives from civil society organisations, the caucus is jointly facilitated by the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) and the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (BERSIH).

APPENDIX

KDPP Policy Pillars and Principles

Pillars	Principles
Enactment of Political Financing Reforms	Enactment of a Political Financing Bill containing provisions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Public funding● Donation cap● An independent and efficient regulatory body● Reporting and disclosure requirements to the public
Constituency Development Funds (CDF) Reform	Support for CDF reform, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Long term goal: CDF should be abolished, with the public accessing welfare assistance directly through government welfare agencies instead of politicians● Transition period: CDF must be distributed equitably according to a transparent and evidence-based formula codified in legislation● Reporting and disclosure to the public and the DUN or Parliament must be implemented
Strengthening State Legislative Assemblies (DUN)	Strengthening of DUN containing provision for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Establishing specific DUN committees to monitor the EXCO portfolios beyond the Public Accounts Committee (e.g. Select Committee for Health, Committee for State Agencies and GLCs)● Information regarding the committees, members, and meeting minutes must be published online for public access● The PAC Chair should be an Opposition ADUN● Increasing DUN sitting days and session frequency to ensure sufficient time for the legislative branch to scrutinise state bills and policies, budgets, agencies and GLCs as well as holding the Executive branch accountable.● Officially recognising the Opposition Leader and providing facilities equal to an EXCO member.