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Asia, as a dynamic region of the world have today accounted for 40 percent of the global economy. In respect of that, Asia possesses an advancing role in the global politics. It possesses a great and influential voice in global affairs. Given this vital role, making most of the Asia countries works harder to make Asia place in a leading position in the world. As one of the members of Asia countries, Malaysia played an important and active role in the economy, politics, community-building, economic integration, regional architecture and infrastructure. The global community has recognized the important of Malaysia contribution to Asia.

In this fast-paced changing world, the Asia's economy has grown by 6% a year. In the global economy developments of the last generation, the economic integration of Asia is relatively stable and rapid compared to other's regional economy. The welfare and living standards of people in this region has improved significantly in the past decade. The economic transformation of Asia has successfully curtailed high poverty rates and reduced income inequalities. However, in parts of this region, there are still lots of underprivileged families, groups in a low stratum of society. As the largest and most populous continent in the world, which is rich in natural resources, the abundant supply of cheap labor and relatively developed infrastructure had provided the possibilities and potential for Asia to becoming the largest economy in the world.

In order to remain a sustainable development, greater trade integration is a must of Asia. As one of the high-growth nations in Asia, the rapid economic growth of Malaysia has transformed it into a newly developed country. The poverty reduction program introduced by Malaysia's government has successfully curtailed the poverty rates and reduced income inequalities in both urban and rural areas. Malaysia's government encourages collaboration and mutual assistance economic in between Asia countries. The free trade agreements which Malaysia has signed with Japan, India and other Asia countries brought closer economic integration, In the future, the rapid economic growth of Malaysia will help to build a stronger economy in Asia that providing more employment and attracting foreign investments. The closer economic integration between Malaysia and other nations in Asia will support sustained growth of Asia.

In the post-second world war, there are some of the modern conflicts put Asia in danger. The destruction of environment, loss of properties, loss of human life, economic recession and other effects are devastating and long-lasting suffering to the people. Malaysia remains neutral in facing international and Asia conflicts in order to encourage regional peace and stability. Malaysia has played an active role in the peacekeeping for Asian countries. Malaysia was one of the non-permanent members of the United Nation Security Council in the term of 2015 – 2016. In between this period, Malaysia promoted peace – building through technical support for countries emerging from conflict. Moreover, Malaysia works hard to preserve Asian countries as a Nuclear Free Zone and free of all weapons of mass destruction to another. In the future, the continuous efforts of Malaysia to the peace of Asia will provide a greater and non-violent place for living and development.

Malaysia was the Chair of ASEAN in 2015. In this period, Malaysia provided assistance to flood victims in Myanmar, Laos and Philippines. More than 800 million people in Asia lack access to clean water, sanitation and electricity. Governments of some nations in Asia are lacking in providing healthcare and education to the rural areas although their urban areas are extremely well doing. Forms of poverty started to appear. The welfare and lives of the people of Asia are not equal. In this past 60 years, Malaysia has put lots of efforts to improve the welfare of its people by providing them equal opportunities for development in economic areas. In the future, the people’s living standards can be improved and hopefully eradicate poverty.

Apart from this, the cooperation and challenges nowadays are different compared to the past decade. More women are taking on multiple roles by upgrading better career path. Empowering women is essential in the future. Human labor has slowly been replaced by advance technology. Gender in equalities is still a problem in some rural areas in Asia. The advancement and involvement of women in contributing to a progressive nation is on the rise. The change in women’s empowerment has helped improved the economy and development of Malaysia and Asia. In the future, the economy of Asia and Malaysia will allow more women in decision making in recognizing women’s right.

In a nutshell, Mahatma Gandhi once said “The future depends on what we do in the present”. Malaysia in the future will continue to be a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious nation, values of openness and respect are engrained in all Malaysian character. Youth contribution plays an important role in shaping the country present and future. As a youth, we need to be better prepared with the right skills and mindset in order to overcome all the obstacles in moving forward to build a better Asia and Malaysia.