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AmInvestment Bank wins two major awards at Alpha Southeast Asia's second Annual Deal/Solution Awards

AmInvestment Bank Berhad ('AmInvestment Bank') has won two major awards at the second edition of the Alpha Southeast Asia Annual Deal/Solution Awards. The awards ceremony was held in Kuala Lumpur today.

In the first award, **Best Islamic Financing Deal of the Year in Southeast Asia**, AmInvestment Bank was the **Co-Arranger in Syarikat Prasarana Negara's RM2000 million (USD 616.4 million) Sukuk Ijarah**. This was one of the largest bond issues of the year, and instead of using a special purpose vehicle, the Ijarah papers were directly taken up by investors through a well-timed bookbuilding exercise that resulted in tight pricing of the deal. The books were oversubscribed by 3.65 times, 2.86 times, and 3.81 times for the 7, 10 and 15 year Sukuk respectively despite uncertainties and volatility in the local and international bond markets. This deepened the market for Government Guaranteed Islamic Securities papers and Alpha Southeast Asia recognises the commitment of the co-arrangers in strengthening and diversifying the Islamic financing options open to issuers.

AmInvestment Bank also won the **Best Privatisation Deal of the Year in Southeast Asia** as Principal Adviser and Lead Arranger for the **RM2.4 billion (USD 663 million) Privatisation of AmInvestment Group Berhad ('AIGB') and RM1.0 billion (USD276 million) Renounceable Rights Issue**. The privatisation facilitated the consolidation of all capital market activities under a single banking entity, which is in line with regional and global trends. With the consolidation, AMMB Holdings Berhad is able to leverage on its enlarged balance sheet for efficient capital utilisation, development of a more competitive product range and improving the profitability of AMMB Holdings Berhad.

Mr T C Kok, Managing Director, AmInvestment Bank Berhad said, "We are very honoured by these two awards which are testimony to our strengths in the capital markets. We will continue to strive to bring value to our clients through the best customised solutions, even more so in these difficult times."

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