

IFFD AWARD 2017 TO THE NATIONAL POPULATION AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF MALAYSIA

The National Family Policy of Malaysia supports and complements existing policies such as the National Social Policy, National Policy on Women and the National Child Policy.

The formulation of the National Family Policy Action Plan enables more comprehensive and systematic steps to be focused on:

- *A total and holistic direction for family wellbeing that encompasses physical, mental, economic, social, psychological and spiritual development at every stage in the family life cycle.*
- *The family as the most fundamental unit provides the platform for human capital development that will propel the development of a nation.*
- *Formation and strengthening of the family institution so that each family member can be empowered to perform, jointly and fairly, their roles in terms of family relationships, economy, career and lifestyle in order to improve stability, harmony and well-being.*
- *Efforts to guide and nurture and to strengthen inter-generational ties where the elderly are valued and are critical in transferring positive values to future generations.*
- *Increasing the commitment and social responsibility of all parties to implement family-friendly policies and programmes.*
- *Enhancing the implementation of family wellbeing programs for different family structures and vulnerable families.*

The International Board of the International Federation for Family Development has decided that the National Population and Family Development Board of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia should be granted one of the 2017 IFFD Awards, “for the National Family Policy carried out, taking into account that its formulation focuses on a holistic approach to family wellbeing; the consideration of the family as the most fundamental unit of society; the empowerment of each family member; the guide to practice good moral and family values; the effort to strengthen intergenerational links; the culture of gender equality; the increase in the commitment and social responsibility of all parties to implement family-friendly policies and programmes; the implementation of family wellbeing programs; and the commitment to promote social responsibility of all parties.”

United Nations Headquarters – New York, 8 February 2017.