

Recognition of the Red Cross Society of the Federation of Malaya

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*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross
(Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun) Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to inform you of the official recognition on July 4, 1963, of the Red Cross Society of the Federation of Malaya by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

This Society applied for recognition by letter dated June 6, 1962. The application was accompanied by the Decree promulgated on April 16, 1962, by the Government of the Federation of Malaya which accorded the Society recognition, together with the text of the Society's Statutes and a report of its activities.

The study of these documents has shown that the ten conditions for recognition of a new Society by the International Committee have been duly fulfilled. The documents have also been examined in conjunction with the Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has pleasure, therefore, in announcing the recognition of this Society, which brings the number of member Societies of the International Red Cross to ninety-one.

The work of the Red Cross in the Federation of Malaya had been carried out by the British Red Cross with devotion and competence until October 1957, when the powers and the property of its Federation of Malaya Branch were transferred to the new National Society. Recognized by the authorities as an auxiliary to the

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Medical Service of the armed forces within the meaning of the Geneva Conventions, it continues the task begun by the British Red Cross. There are committees in existence in each of the Federated States. The Society controls several clinics and gives training to nursing personnel and first-aid workers. It has, amongst other activities, created a blood transfusion service and an aid service for crippled children. It possesses a Junior section.

The Federation of Malaya acceded on August 24, 1962, to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The President of the Society is H.M. the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong ; the President of the Council is Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Haji Talib, Mr. R. Ramani is President of the Executive Committee, and the Secretary-General is Mrs. M. Koruth. The Society's headquarters are at Kuala Lumpur.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has great pleasure in admitting this new Society into the International Red Cross, accrediting it by this notice to all other National Societies and recommends it to their kind attention. It expresses its best wishes for the Society's future and the success of its charitable work.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS

Léopold Boissier, President