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CIDB CELEBRATES 20 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

PUTRAJAYA, 20 November 2015: The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) today celebrated its 20th anniversary, marking two decades of excellence and the first time that CIDB celebrated an anniversary, during a gala dinner held at the Putrajaya Marriot which was attended by several VIPs, including Y.B. Dato' Sri Fadillah Bin Yusof, Minister of Works Malaysia, and members of CIDB's Board of Directors.

During the dinner, the CIDB not only recognised its past achievements and individuals who had contributed to the organization and construction industry during its 20 years of existence, but also acknowledged that much work remains to be done before 2020.

"Tonight we celebrate not only the achievements of CIDB's 20 years, but also the new episodes for CIDB and the construction industry. By 2020, CIDB will celebrate its 25th Anniversary and we hope to be able to achieve the CITP," said Dato' Sri Fadillah during his speech, referring to the recently launched Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP), Malaysia's national agenda to transform the construction industry.

To recognize individuals who had played a significant role in developing the construction industry, the CIDB bestowed Fellowship Awards upon 65 construction industry leaders for their contributions to the construction industry and nation.

The Fellowship Award recipients, who came from various professions within the construction industry and who were all leading figures in the construction industry, received a table medal from Y.B. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Yusoff, Minister of Works Malaysia, and Dato' Sri Ir. Dr. Judin Abdul Karim, Chief Executive of CIDB.

Additionally, the Fellowship Award recipients were also presented with their portrait done in pop art, a colourful artistic style popular in the 1960s.

Eight CIDB staff were also honoured for serving the organization for 20 years, receiving medals of appreciation from CIDB management for their loyal service. Twelve other CIDB staff were similarly honoured for serving either 15 or 10 years.

Speaking on the reason for CIDB's establishment, Dato' Sri Fadillah commented that, "Twenty years ago, the recently launched Vision 2020 was the catalyst for the explosion of construction projects throughout the country. Physical development was so rapid that it caused certain problems - a shortage of labour, safety problems at the construction site, quality problems and so on. Government agencies and industry players at that time were aware of the need for a body set up to oversee the country's construction industry. Proposals were prepared and presented at meetings of the highest level, up to the Cabinet. Finally, on July 7, 1994 Act, the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia Act, or Act 520, was passed in Parliament."

Commenting on the CIDB's decision to celebrate an anniversary for the first time, Dato' Sri Ir Judin Abdul Karim said that the CIDB felt that this was the right time to acknowledge the achievements of the CIDB, as well as industry players, especially those who were active in the country's early development.

Another highlight of the evening was the launch of the commemorative coffee table book, *Achievements*, which details the history and achievements of the CIDB.

The CIDB was set up in 1995 to provide effective leadership and consolidation to the construction industry, through registering contractors and skilled workers, and providing training to upgrade their skills.

The construction sector in Malaysia is estimated to contribute about 5.5 per cent or RM36.3 billion to the Malaysian economy, with strong forward and backward linkages, as 120 types of business are related to the construction industry.

The significance of construction to the Malaysian economy is also related to its job creation potential. It is estimated that construction accounts for 9.5 per cent of Malaysia's total registered workforce.

About CIDB

The Construction Industry Development Board was established under the Construction Industry Development Act (Act 520) to develop the Capacity and Capability of the Construction Industry Through Enhancement of Quality and Productivity by Placing Great Emphasis on Professionalism, Innovation and Knowledge in the Endeavour to Improve the Quality of Life.

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