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## QLASSIC TOP SCORERS INCREASED BY ALMOST 100 %

### Developers and contractors recognized in QLASSIC Day 2016

**KUALA LUMPUR, 31 May 2016:** Developers and contractors who have achieved a high score of 80 and above in the Quality Assessment System in Construction (QLASSIC) was recognized today during an event to recognize quality in construction, QLASSIC Day. The number of projects, which achieved the score, is 46, compared to 24 projects in 2014 and 10 in 2013. These high scorers are recognised by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) today to applaud their commitment and achievement in quality.

“This is excellent for the industry and it shows that industry players are taking the right step in elevating the construction industry to higher standards. Achieving QLASSIC high scores required planning right from the beginning. The commitment to produce quality workmanship will influence design, materials and the selection of consultants and contractor to implement the project,” said Yang Berhormat Dato’ Sri Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, the Minister of Works during the QLASSIC Day 2016 opening ceremony.

He added that the construction sector remains one of the most vibrant industries and main economic contributors to the industry. In 2015, the value of construction projects reached RM126 billion, out of which, 38% or 2010 projects worth RM48 billion was for residential projects while 37% or 2,602 projects worth RM46 billion was for non-residential projects. In addition, 20 % or 1,760 projects worth RM26 billion are infrastructure projects and four percent or 641 projects worth 6 billion are social amenities.

QLASSIC is an assessment system that measures and evaluates the workmanship quality of a building construction work based on the **Construction Industry Standard CIS 7:2014**. It works on the concept of “doing things right the first time and every time.”

The number of projects assessed with QLASSIC and high scorers have increased. In 2015, 303 projects were assessed using QLASSIC compared to 272 projects in 2014 and 160 in 2013.

“It is gratifying to see the industry improving in such a drastic manner when it comes to quality. QLASSIC Excellence Awards was established to strengthen the industry and inspire a more vibrant spirit of competition among industry players,” said Dato’ Ahmad ‘Asri Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive of Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) at the event.

He also highlighted that the Construction Industry Standard for quality workmanship or CIS 7: 2014, which was updated and streamlined, in the areas of architectural, mechanical and electrical, as well as external works. The updated CIS 7: 2014 will be used in QLASSIC assessment beginning 1st July 2016.

The QLASSIC Excellence Awards is divided into:

- High QLASSIC achievers of scores of 80 and above scores in 2015 – 46 projects with awards given the developer and contractor
- Best QLASSIC achievement - residential (large, medium, small); non-residential (large, medium, small)
- Special appreciation - one developer, one contractor and two government agencies
- Overall highest QLASSIC scorer



(The full list of recipients is attached)

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**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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