

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WEEK 2018: ACHIEVING PEAK PRODUCTIVITY TO REALISE THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY'S TRANSFORMATION**

***Construction Industry on track to achieving transformation KPIs with Productivity strategic thrust recording 99% achievement***

**Kuala Lumpur, 27 March 2018:** The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), Malaysia kicked off the **International Construction Week 2018** today, bringing together over 100 exhibitors and more than 10,000 attendees from around the world including the industry's captains and key players to drive thought leadership discussions on the construction sector especially in the area of '**Achieving Peak Productivity**' – the theme of this edition of the ICW.

Officiated today by **Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, the Minister of Works, Malaysia**, ICW 2018 seeks to raise awareness amongst industry players in the area of construction technology and innovation as part of the aim to improve the overall productivity and competitiveness of the industry as outlined under the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) 2016 – 2020.

In fact, the Malaysian Construction industry is well on track to achieving its key performance indicators (KPIs) and outcomes, having attained **98% of its target** as at the third quarter of 2017. With a total of 103 KPIs; 96 KPIs had attained the green score at more than or equal to 90% of the current target, 7 at the yellow score between 60-90%, and none at the red score of less than 60%.

Importantly, in the area of productivity, which is the focus of this year's ICW, the industry achieved 50.32% of its 50.80% target, or **99% of its KPI** progress as outlined under the CITP as at the third quarter of 2017.

“As construction projects are becoming increasingly complex and intricate, we cannot afford to continue the ‘traditional and routine’ way of doing business any longer as technology continues to enhance the way we live, work and play. Hence,

harnessing the power of mechanization, automation and smart technologies is pertinent in today's day and age, with Industry 4.0 taking shape in the entire economic value chain," said **Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, the Minister of Works.**

Amongst the notable achievements under the Productivity strategic thrust are the launch of the myBIM Centre; 30 Skill Assessment Centre in major foreign worker source countries established; 100% of qualified skilled workers (66,024 personnel) and supervisory personnel (23,232 personnel) accredited and registered; and 100% (130 of 130) compliance to Industrialised Building System (IBS) design requirements for Pre-Approved Plans (PAPs) by JKR.

On the performance of the other strategic thrusts, as at the third quarter of 2017, both the Quality, Safety and Professionalism and Environmental Sustainability thrusts had achieved 98% KPI Progress while the Internationalisation thrust achieved a 96% KPI score.

Launched by the Prime Minister in 2015 as a blueprint to transform the construction industry into one that is safe, sustainable, modern, and able to compete internationally, the CITP charts out KPIs and milestones through its four strategic thrusts: Quality, Safety and Professionalism; Environmental Sustainability; Productivity; and Internationalisation. The Productivity strategic thrust aims to more than double construction industry levels by year 2020 through three drivers: workforce, technology and processes.

In this regard, the key initiatives identified under the Productivity strategic thrust include accelerating the adoption of IBS, mechanization and modern practices; rolling out technology advantage such as through Building Information Modeling (BIM); and investing in human capital development programmes for construction personnel in high impact trades.

"ICW 2018's theme of 'Achieving Peak Productivity' is very much in line with the Productivity strategic thrust of the CITP, which is particularly relevant as the Malaysian construction industry continues to transform and prepare itself for the next leap of growth. Furthermore, with the fast-paced digital world that we operate in today, we need to accelerate our efforts to synergise a highly-skilled workforce with the modern construction technologies that are available to us," **said Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Chairman of CIDB.**

Meanwhile, at the ICW 2018 launch ceremony, **nine companies** were also recognized for achieving the 5-Star CIDB Competitive Rating for Enhancement Programme (SCORE), which enables companies to identify their level of performance and growth. Those awarded include:

1. Acre Works Sdn Bhd
2. Advance Pact Sdn Bhd

3. Gamuda Berhad
4. George Kent (Malaysia) Berhad
5. IJM Construction Sdn Bhd
6. Irama Duta Sdn Bhd
7. Iswarabena Sdn Bhd
8. Putra Perdana Construction Sdn Bhd
9. Urusan Tinggi Wawasan Sdn Bhd

“We must also acknowledge the contributions and commitment by construction industry players in both the public and private sectors, for coming together to accelerate the advancement of the construction industry in Malaysia. We hope to see more partnerships such as these, which are in line with the Government’s National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) of leveraging on each other’s strength and resources to achieve common objectives,” said **Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, the Minister of Works.**

ICW 2018 will continue until 30 March, featuring exhibitions, seminars and talks on the use of modern construction technologies such as Industrialised Building Systems (IBS) and Building Information Modeling (BIM), new sustainable materials and energy sources, innovative design approaches as well as advances in digital technology, including the use of big data in construction. Some of the key highlights include the International Construction Transformation Conference (ICTC), Konvensyen Usahanita Binaan 2018 (KUBINA 2018), and Malaysia IBS International Exhibition (MIIE).

Held for the very first time on 26 and 27 March, ICTC will bring together world-class experts and industry captains from Malaysia and around the region to weigh in on the impact of technology and innovation in terms of increasing construction industry productivity. Confirmed keynote speakers for ICTC include Rajat Agarwal of McKinsey Capital Productivity Southeast Asia; Zhang Yue of BROAD Group China; and Richard Kuppusamy of Lendlease Asia.

Meanwhile, Ecobuild SEA 2018, the industry’s leading event for sustainability in construction, will once again be featured within ICW 2018. The event, which will take place from 27 – 29 March 2018 marks the fifth time that Ecobuild SEA is organised as the exhibition component of ICW.

For further information, please visit:

- **International Construction Week 2018** : [www.icw.my](http://www.icw.my)

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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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