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A YEAR OF FIRSTS AT CIDB'S MCIEA AWARDS

WCT Berhad win two major awards at MCIEA: "Builder of the Year" and "International Achievement"

KUALA LUMPUR, September 28, 2018 - The Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) today celebrated the achievements of 29 industry players at the Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA) 2018. This year's Awards was the first time for one company, WCT Berhad, to take home two major accolades – "Builder of the Year Award" and the "International Achievement Award", for the Ministry of Interior Headquarters project at Wadi Al Sail, Qatar.

Two more "firsts" were recognised at this year's MCIEA, as the "Construction Leading Lady" award went to two winners, Dato' Yeoh Soo Keng, a member of the Board of Directors, YTL Corporation Berhad, and Puan Majidah Majid, Director of Majidah Design Sdn Bhd. Furthermore, it was the first time the "QLASSIC Award" was included in the Awards, which went to Sime Darby Property Berhad.

Other recipients of MCIEA's individual awards included Dato' Srikandan Kanagaintiram, Managing Director of KPK Quantity Surveyors (Semenanjung) Sdn Bhd, who was awarded the highest accolade of the evening – the Prominent Player Award. Mr. Foo Chek Lee, Managing Director of Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd was awarded the "CEO of the Year Award".

CIDB Malaysia under the leadership of the Ministry of Works is tasked with enabling the sector to undertake real and meaningful transformation, in order for the industry to remain as one of the key drivers of Malaysia's socio-economic growth. As part of the transformation effort, MCIEA encourages a sense of healthy competition by showcasing best practices in project implementation. It also recognises the stars of the Malaysian construction industry whose work has enhanced the image, performance and quality of the various fields represented in the construction industry.

“We certainly encourage more industry players to up the ante and emulate the winners we are celebrating today, in order to continue raising the standard of the Malaysian construction industry to be globally competitive. This too is one of the key strategic thrusts of the CITP,” said **Dato’ Ir. Ahmad ‘Asri bin Abdul Hamid**, CIDB Chief Executive.

Introduced by CIDB Malaysia in 2000, MCIEA 2018 marks the 18th installment of the industry awards, recognizing individuals, organisations and projects that have contributed and demonstrated excellence in enhancing the image, performance and improvement of the construction industry. MCIEA includes the achievements of top performing developers, contractors as well as projects, and is intended to be the premier accolade for all round excellence in construction.

The Guest of Honour at the MCIEA 2018 awards ceremony was **Tuan Baru Bian, the Minister of Works**. Also present were **Tuan Haji Mohd Anuar Mohd Tahir, Deputy Minister of Works** and **Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Chairman, CIDB Malaysia**.

Some of the notable projects that received the MCIEA accolades include Damansara Uptown Retail Centre (Starling Mall), winning the “Best Project Award – Building (Major)”, and MITI Headquarters which took home the “Green Building Award”. Special mentions during the Awards include Brunfield e-FM (Electronic Facility Management) for the “Innovation Award” and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission headquarters for the “Best Project Award – Building (Major)”.

MCIEA 2018 received 195 nominations, for 22 awards under 10 categories. There was a total of 22 winners and seven special mentions at the awards ceremony. The award winners at MCIEA 2018 were vetted by a panel of highly-regarded and vastly-experienced judges comprising industry captains, experts and veterans led by **Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Ir. Jamilus Hussein**, President and CEO of KLIA Premier Holding Sdn Bhd. The members include **Dato’ Sri Ir. Dr Roslan Md Taha, Director General** of Public Works Department, **Ir. Haji Omar Mat Piah, Director General** of Occupational Safety and Health Department, **Ir. Prem Kumar** from the Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM), **Dato’ Soam Heng Choon, Managing Director** of IJM Corporation Berhad, **Ar. Saifuddin Ahmad, Principal and Director** of SNO Architects Sdn Bhd. and **Dato’ Hashimah Hashim, Executive Director** of KLCC Projek Sdn Bhd.

Please refer to the attached fact sheet for the full list of MCIEA 2018 award categories and winners.

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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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