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Cidb Urges Industry Players To Prioritise Quality In Construction

37 projects receive QLASSIC recognition; Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad (BPMB) to incorporate QLASSIC in its financed projects

Kuala Lumpur, 16 August 2018: The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia has called upon industry players to adopt a quality-centric mindset and submit their projects to the Quality Assessment System in Construction (QLASSIC). This is to ensure the quality of contractor workmanship and inspire public confidence in the quality of their construction works.

The call was made in conjunction with QLASSIC Day 2018, an annual event that celebrates industry players who have achieved excellent QLASSIC scores in their projects. Now in its fifth edition, QLASSIC Day is part of CIDB's initiative to uplift the local construction sector by recognising excellence in workmanship quality in construction. A total of 37 projects that scored a QLASSIC mark of 80% and above were celebrated at the awards ceremony.

The event was officiated by **Tuan Baru Bian, the Minister of Works**. Also present were **Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Chairman of CIDB**, and **Dato' Ir. Ahmad 'Asri bin Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive of CIDB**.

This year's QLASSIC Day is significant as it witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CIDB and Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad (BPMB) which would further nudge the industry towards adopting QLASSIC standards. BPMB's ultimate goal under this MOU is to have future infrastructure projects financed by the bank to undergo QLASSIC assessment progressively. CIDB will conduct QLASSIC assessments on these projects and provide QLASSIC trainings to enhance knowledge amongst BPMB staff.

“It is imperative for the construction industry to place great importance on quality standards. The industry, both private or public sectors must view quality as a prerequisite for industry players to operate and develop. The year-on-year increase in QLASSIC adoption by the industry is indeed a positive indication of the emphasis placed by the industry in providing workmanship quality of the highest standards, and we believe that there is still room for improvement and growth,” said **Minister of Works, Tuan Baru Bian**.

QLASSIC is a system and method to assess and evaluate the quality of workmanship of building projects based on the Construction Industry Standard (CIS 7). It was established as a means to objectively compare the quality of workmanship between construction projects through a scoring system.

Under the Quality, Safety and Professionalism strategic thrust of the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) 2016-2020, one of the key outcomes is to achieve more than 50% of public projects to exceed the acceptable QLASSIC score of 70%.

“As outlined in the CITP, we have identified quality, safety and professionalism as primary prerequisites to develop Malaysia’s construction industry into a responsible, world-class sector. Through the industry’s commitment towards this end, we are confident that we are able to achieve our CITP aspirations of a construction sector that is focused on safety and quality standards,” said **Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Chairman of CIDB**.

A total of 341 projects were assessed with QLASSIC in 2017, as compared to 311 projects in 2016 and 270 projects in 2015. Last year, the average score of projects assessed was 72%, and the highest score recorded was 86% for **Azalea 2 / Phase NU6B2 by Sime Darby Property Berhad**. Since 2007, the total number of projects assessed with QLASSIC stands at 1,857.

In conjunction with QLASSIC Day, CIDB will also be chairing a Captains of Industry Roundtable Discussion on Quality in Construction. The roundtable will provide a unique opportunity for leaders to share experiences and expertise relating to quality in construction, as well as to explore ideas that CIDB and the industry players can improve on.

Topics covered at the roundtable will include **Learning from Best Practise QLASSIC Implementation in Construction Projects by Prof. Madya Sr. Dr. Fadzil @ Padzil bin Hassan Associate Professor of Universiti Teknologi MARA**; Quality Assurance & Quality Control in Construction by En. Mohammad Nazri bin Abdul Rani, Principal & Managing Partner of Global Halal Certification Private Limited, Certification; as well as Proposed QLASSIC Contract Documents for

QLASSIC Private Development Projects by Mr Joshua Kang Wee Leng Director of Canaan Building Inspection Sdn Bhd.

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