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CIDB AWARDS IKEA PENANG WITH 92.3 IBS SCORE

IKEA Penang also receives 5 Star SHASSIC score for construction safety and health

Batu Kawan, Penang, 3 May 2018 – The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) has awarded the “soon-to-be completed” IKEA store in Batu Kawan with an outstanding Industrialised Building System (IBS) score of 92.3 out of the perfect score of 100, the highest IBS score recorded in the nation to date.

This initiative is part of the statutory body’s effort to recognise developments that showcase the adoption of modern construction methods. In fact, the drive towards IBS adoption is in line with the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) 2016 – 2020, which seeks to more than double the construction industry’s productivity levels in Malaysia.

A working visit to IKEA Penang was organised today, during which the IBS score was presented to its main design and build contractor, **KAJIMA (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.**, by **Dato’ Ir Ahmad ‘Asri Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive of CIDB**. On top of this, KAJIMA (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. was also awarded 5 Star Safety and Health Assessment System in Construction (SHASSIC), a testimony of its safety and health performance during construction works. Representing Kajima (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. to receive the awards was **Eiichi Suzuki, Project Director**; accompanied by **Agung Wibowo, Senior Construction Project Manager of IKEA**.

“Adopting IBS will bring benefits that include accelerated construction timeline, higher quality of construction, safer working environment on-site, as well as cost savings with repeated use of standardised IBS components. By accelerating the

industry's adoption of new technologies, modern practices and mechanisation, we are confident that we will be able to achieve the construction sector's productivity goals as outlined in the CITP," said **Dato' Ir Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid** during the working visit.

"This achievement by IKEA Penang is a significant one. It clearly demonstrates the private sector's commitment and success in adopting the latest technologies in construction. Importantly, it will serve as a prime example for more private industry players to step forward in adopting IBS, and to take the lead in increasing construction productivity," he added.

The IKEA Penang project's IBS score was checked and verified by CIDB MyIBS Sdn. Bhd., a subsidiary of CIDB, which served as an Independent Checker to ensure that there is an entity that endorses the IBS score submission. CIDB MyIBS had also collected data from the IKEA Penang project as a case study in successful IBS implementation, enriching its current database of IBS projects.

IBS is a modern construction method whereby building components are manufactured in a controlled environment, either on-site or off-site, then installed into construction works. IBS is also a key component under the Productivity strategic thrust of the CITP.

To drive scale of IBS adoption, the Government has mandated the use of IBS in private sector projects above RM 50 million, and to attain a minimum 50 IBS score by 2020. Whereas for the public sector, the Ministry of Finance has directed that all public projects worth more than RM10 million must achieve a minimum IBS score of 70 since 2008.

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