

PRESS RELEASE

CIDB PARTNERS KELANTAN CONTRACTORS TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY

Partnership to raise awareness and adoption of Industrialised Building Systems (IBS) by small and medium sized construction industry players

Kota Bharu, Kelantan, 25 February 2018 – *Persatuan Kontraktor Perumahan Kelantan* (PKPK) and CIDB MyIBS Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the Construction Industry Development Board, Malaysia (CIDB), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today, to enhance awareness and adoption of Industrialised Building Systems (IBS) in construction works by small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Kelantan.

Present at the MoU signing ceremony was **Dato' Sri Mustapa bin Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry**, who is also the **Chairman of the Federal Action Council of Kelantan (MTPNg)**, and **Dato' Sri Zohari bin Haji Akob, Secretary-General, Ministry of Works**.

“The partnership between PKPK and CIDB MyIBS underscores the Government’s commitment to engage and collaborate with various agencies and stakeholders to drive the adoption of latest technologies in the construction industry, such as IBS,” said **Dato' Sri Zohari bin Haji Akob, Secretary-General, Ministry of Works**.

“Moreover, technologies such as IBS is key towards the transformation of the entire construction value chain. The partnership we are establishing today will benefit the SMEs, which form the backbone of the economy,” he added.

As part of the partnership, CIDB MyIBS will provide technical advice and capacity-building programmes to PKPK members, to facilitate the adoption of modern construction technology. By utilising technologies such as IBS, the level of productivity, quality and safety will be enhanced at construction sites, and enables construction industry players to achieve higher cost-effectiveness.

This MoU is in line with the Government's Bumiputera Economic Empowerment Agenda, or *Agenda Pemerkasaan Ekonomi Bumiputera*, as it will benefit the local Bumiputera contractors who make up the majority of PKPK's membership. In fact, the partnership will facilitate the sharing of IBS knowledge and latest updates; create a platform for Bumiputera construction players to expand their business network; and strengthen the position of Bumiputera construction players in the face of modernisation.

To increase implementation of IBS in Malaysia, the National Council for Local Government or *Majlis Negara Kerajaan Tempatan* (MNKT) has mandated the use of IBS for all private sector projects with a minimum value of RM50 million and to attain a minimum IBS score of 50 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.

The partnership between CIDB MyIBS and PKPK is part of CIDB's nationwide efforts to increase IBS adoption. The strategy is outlined in the Construction Industry Transformation Programme 2016-2020 (CITP), which aims to more than double the productivity levels of the Malaysian Construction Industry, and it is also in line with the High-Income goal of the 11th Malaysia Plan.

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