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CIDB-BFIM COLLABORATION TO STRENGTHEN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PROFESSION

KUALA LUMPUR, June 22, 2015: The Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) has agreed to collaborate and explore opportunities to develop, support and enrich the Facility Management (FM) Profession in Malaysia.

A meeting was held with the Chief Executive of CIDB Dato' Sri Ir Dr Judin Abdul Karim and Linda Hausmanis, Director of Education from the British Institute of Facilities Management on the 22 Jun 2015 at the CIDB Headquarters.

The areas of collaboration between CIDB and BIFM constitutes the sharing of experiences and exchange of information and expertise relating to certification and development of facilities management companies. This will include advisory services and recommendations on facilities management competent persons training scheme and organising/facilitating events or programmes for communication and education.

Dr Judin commented: "Facilities Management (FM) emphasizes the importance of managing the built environment and facilities to maximise its design purpose and functionality. However, looking at the current scenario, majority of the FM contractors are not trained to carry out the works awarded to them. As a result, buildings or infrastructures that were built are not well managed and maintained resulting in early deterioration. Clients and stakeholders have now demanded a higher standard and quality service service from FM contractors. The role of FM contractors are set to be more challenging and significant and there is a need for the development of more

sophisticated skills, knowledge and procedures to meet those expectation in tandem with the technological advancement and complexity of modern day built environment.

An advisory committee consisting of stakeholders notably clients and stakeholders has been set up to ensure the registration of FM companies with CIDB include relevant skills and standard to enhance the service of FM contractors.

CIDB Malaysia has always looked forward to working with leading organisations around the world and we welcome the opportunity to collaborate with BIFM. I am confident this will be a successful and rewarding partnership, it also shows our commitment to the functionality of the built environment and its impact on people, workplace and productivity in driving the Malaysian construction industry.”

Founded in 1993 and headquartered in Hertfordshire, BIFM is the professional body responsible for promoting excellence in facilities management for the benefit or practitioners, the economy and society. BIFM provides membership, qualifications, training and networking services to support the industry. It has over 15,000 members from around the world, both individual professionals and organisations.

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 yGreat Emphasis on Professionalism, Innovation and Knowledge in the Endeavour to Improve the Quality of Life.

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