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## PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO DRIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDISED CIVIL ENGINEERING MEASUREMENT

*KKLW, DBKL and REHDA sign MOU with CIDB to adopt Malaysian Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement (MyCESMM)*

**Kuala Lumpur, 12 December 2017** –The public and private sectors are coming together with the Construction Industry Development Board, Malaysia (CIDB) to drive the implementation of a standardised civil engineering measurement for Malaysia, as part of the overall strategy to raise the standards of the local construction industry to be on par with developed economies in the global market place.

This follows the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CIDB and the Rural and Regional Development Ministry (KKLW); Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL); and the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA) respectively, to promote the use of the Malaysian Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement (MyCESMM) in the preparation of Bills of Quantities for civil engineering projects in the Malaysian construction industry.

The MoUs were signed in conjunction with the fourth series of CIDB's annual "Fast Forward with MyCESMM" seminar, which has seen 19 partners mark their commitment with CIDB to adopt MyCESMM since 2013. This year's seminar was themed "*Adopting Standardisation in Infrastructure Works*" and was officiated by **Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Haji Yusof, Minister of Works, Malaysia**. The Minister of Works was represented by **Datuk Rosnah Binti Haji Abdul Rashid Shirlin, Deputy Minister of Works**.

“The use of a standardised method of measurement, through MyCESMM, is an important step towards the internationalisation of Malaysia’s construction practices. It will certainly enhance the level of professionalism in the industry. This is because MyCESMM facilitates a better understanding of the nature of work to be carried out and thus reduces potential claims and disputes during the construction stage,” said **Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah Haji Yusof**.

“The strategic partnerships forged today between the industry players are a strong indication of the public and private sectors’ commitment toward adopting MyCESMM in their civil engineering projects. This public-private partnership is in line with the Government’s National Blue Ocean Strategy, which seeks to unlock boundaries between the public and private sectors to bring multiplied benefits to the *Rakyat*,” he added.

As part of the MoU, the three new signatories will commit to using MyCESMM in selected civil engineering projects, and work towards adopting the standard in the preparation of Bill of Quantities in all civil engineering projects nationwide. On the other hand, CIDB will support the initiatives by promoting MyCESMM to the partners via training programmes in addition to forming a technical committee and secretariat to monitor its implementation.

“Adopting MyCESMM is an important measure to develop Malaysia’s construction industry to be on par with our overseas counterparts. This is in line with the Internationalisation strategic thrust of the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) that seeks to internationalise Malaysia’s construction standards by 2020. Ultimately, our goal is to transform the Malaysian construction industry to become one that is modern, highly productive and sustainable,” said **Tan Sri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Chairman of CIDB**.

Introduced by CIDB in 2011, MyCESMM eliminates discrepancies and ambiguities in the Bill of Quantities. It contains standardised method of measurements covering categories such as works, descriptions, specifications, units of measurement, billings, arrangements as well as quantities and rates. MyCESMM also minimises the likelihood of claims and uncertainties through a standardised description of work

items. Additionally, the use of MyCESMM facilitates easier management of contracts whereby planned projects can be carried out efficiently as a uniform standard.

KKLW, DBKL and REHDA now joins 19 other partners, notably the Public Works Department (JKR), Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), Gamuda Berhad and PLUS Malaysia Berhad, that have signed similar MoUs with CIDB. Some of the notable projects that have adopted MyCESMM in 2016 and 2017 include: *Construction and Completion of Earthwork and Other Associated Works for Bus Depot Platform* by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT), *Privatisation of Lebuhraya Persisiran Pantai Barat Section II* by the Malaysian Highway Authority (LLM) and *Proposed Sewer Network Rectification at Indah Water Konsortium Sdn. Bhd. Sewage Treatment Plant* by Indah Water Konsortium Sdn. Bhd. (IWK).

The seminar is part of CIDB's initiatives to promote awareness towards the measurement method amongst local construction industry players. This is on top of the roadshows, trainings and courses held by CIDB throughout the country.

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