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PRIME MINISTER OFFICIATES ICW & BUILDXPO MALAYSIA 2026, ADVANCING INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION

Launch of Malaysia Modular Construction Roadmap 2026–2030 and strategic industry collaborations signal a stronger push towards innovation, local capabilities and a future-ready construction sector

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 NOVEMBER 2026 – Malaysia's construction industry must move beyond conventional building methods and embrace innovation, industrialised construction and stronger collaboration to improve productivity, strengthen local capabilities and remain competitive in a changing global landscape.

This was underscored at the opening of **ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026**, officiated by Prime Minister YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) today.

The event brings together government representatives, industry leaders, contractors, professionals, technology providers and international delegates to exchange knowledge, showcase innovations and explore opportunities across the construction ecosystem.

The event comprises the 28th edition of **International Construction Week (ICW)** and the fourth edition of the **International Building and Construction Exhibition (BuildXpo Malaysia)**. Held under the theme "*Beyond Limits*", it spans 18,000 square metres and features more than 110 exhibitors from close to 10 countries and regions. ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026 is hosted by the **Ministry of Works, Malaysia** and the **Construction Industry**

Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia, and jointly organised by **Qube Integrated Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. (Qube)**.

A key highlight of the opening was the launch of the **Malaysia Modular Construction Roadmap 2026–2030**, which sets out a direction for wider adoption of modular construction. By integrating design, engineering, manufacturing, logistics and on-site assembly, modular construction has the potential to improve construction efficiency, shorten project timelines, enhance quality consistency and optimise resource use.

The roadmap also underscores the importance of developing a stronger domestic ecosystem, enabling Malaysian companies to build, produce and commercialise construction technologies.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY CAPABILITIES

The opening also saw strategic collaborations involving CIDB's Industrialised Building System (IBS) initiatives with PCA Group and NUVAH, supporting the development and localisation of advanced construction technologies.

The collaboration with PCA Group focuses on 3D modular units, Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DfMA), off-site manufacturing, automation, Building Information Modelling (BIM), and sustainable design. It aims to facilitate technology transfer, strengthen local industry capabilities and develop relevant skills.

Meanwhile, the collaboration with NUVAH will support the localisation of Japanese-designed 3D concrete printing technology in Malaysia through knowledge sharing, workforce training, research and pilot applications, alongside efforts to develop local manufacturing capabilities. These initiatives reflect the importance of translating innovation into practical industry outcomes. Equally important is ensuring that local contractors and small and medium-sized enterprises have access to the technology, knowledge and training needed to participate in the industry's transformation.

ICW AS A PLATFORM FOR KNOWLEDGE AND COLLABORATION

Beyond the exhibition, ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026 features conferences, seminars and industry engagement activities addressing key developments in construction.

Highlights include the AsiaConstruct Conference and the Impact Change Through Construction (ICTC) Conference, which facilitate knowledge exchange and regional collaboration. The programme also includes talent development initiatives such as the CIDB–CIOB Youth Arena, CIDB–MSSA Open Ideas Competition and Crane Lifting Planning Competition.

Other activities include JKR's BAMBuild programme, which explores the potential of bamboo as a sustainable construction material, as well as QUEST Day, which recognises good practices in workmanship, safety compliance and sustainable construction. International delegates and buyers from various markets are also expected to create opportunities for business connections and knowledge exchange.

BUILDING INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Ir. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, FASc., Chairman of Qube International, said the event provides an important platform for the construction community to connect and translate shared challenges into opportunities for collaboration.

"No single organisation can address these challenges alone. Progress depends on stronger connections between government and industry, technology providers and end users, as well as experienced professionals and the next generation of talent. This is where ICW & BuildXpo can make a difference – by bringing the industry together and turning conversations into meaningful partnerships," he said.

Established in 2005, Qube is a homegrown Malaysian company with 21 years of experience in business events and exhibitions.

The 2026 edition of ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia is targeting up to 17,000 trade visitors and approximately RM1.5 billion in projected trade value over three days.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS SUPPORT TRANSFORMATION

Industry partners are also contributing to the event's focus on innovation and industry development.

"ICW & BuildXpo has long been where Malaysia's construction community comes together, and we are proud to continue standing alongside CIDB in that effort. As Gamuda marks 50 years of building the nation, our commitment goes beyond delivering infrastructure. It is about growing with the whole ecosystem, from the local contractors, suppliers, and SMEs in our supply chain to the next generation of engineers and skilled workers. In the spirit of 'Beyond Limits', we see a new era for Malaysian construction, and we look forward to moving into it together," said **Mr. Faris bin Mohd Yusof, Executive Director of Gamuda Engineering**.

GET Builders Prospect Sdn Bhd, a CIDB G7 contractor, will showcase 'Beyond The Build' at BuildXpo Malaysia 2026, offering a first look at its AI-driven developments for site inspection, monitoring and project intelligence. The showcase will explore their potential applications and how technology can enhance visibility, efficiency and decision-making across future construction projects. Through this presentation, the company aims to encourage conversations around the evolving role of AI in construction, connecting practical site needs with emerging possibilities. Visitors can discover how GET Builders is exploring smarter approaches to construction, with a focus on supporting more informed and connected project delivery.

ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026 runs until 12 November at MITEC, Kuala Lumpur. For more information and the latest programme updates, visit **https://icw.my/**.

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About CIDB Malaysia

The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) was established under the Construction Industry Development Board Act 1994 (Act 520) to build the capacity and capability of the construction industry by enhancing quality and productivity, with emphasis on professionalism, innovation, and knowledge towards a better quality of life.

About Qube Integrated Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

Founded in 2005, Qube Integrated Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. has grown from a boutique exhibition design-and-build firm into one of Malaysia's leading event and exhibition management companies. With a strong regional footprint, Qube delivers high-impact platforms that empower businesses, particularly SMEs and Malaysian brands, to expand their reach through trade shows, international expos and strategic event experiences.

Qube Integrated Malaysia is part of Qube International, a diversified group with an established presence across the events, exhibitions and related industries. Drawing on the specialised expertise and operational strength of its companies, the Group delivers projects of varying scale and complexity, from initial concept and planning through to on-site execution and management.

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