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NEW ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME ON ANTI-BRIBERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (ABMS)

CYBERJAYA, JANUARY 3, 2019 --- To become more assertive against corruption, Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) supported by Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is introducing a new Accreditation Programme on Anti-bribery Management Systems (ABMS) to the market. This new accreditation programme will support the Corporate Liability provision under the MACC Act that will come into force in the year 2020.

“Beginning today all interested certification bodies (CBs) can apply to be accredited for ABMS. After getting accreditation from Standards Malaysia, the CBs can confer accredited ABMS certification to the qualified organisations. This new accreditation programme is based on the standard, MS ISO 37001:2016 - Anti-Bribery Management Systems – Requirements with guidance for use,” Director General of Standards Malaysia, Datuk Fadilah Baharin said.

MS ISO 37001:2016 outlines policies and procedures that an organisation can implement to provide an effective management system, in preventing, detecting and addressing the corruption that could occur in an organisation. It can also be used to measure the effectiveness and how proactive an organisation is in implementing an anti-corruption system.

“We hope to get more CBs accredited for ABMS, relatively more organisations ranging from small, medium to large scale will be certified under this programme to create a corruption-free business environment in the country. We also encourage government agencies to be certified under ABMS to ensure anti-bribery management systems is implemented in its administration,” she added.

MACC is the scheme owner of ABMS, whereby they ensure that the accredited certification bodies of ABMS in Malaysia under the purview of Standards Malaysia are in line with Malaysia's governing laws and regulations.

Dato' Shamsun Baharin bin Mohd Jamil, Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention) of MACC meanwhile explained that CBs can be accredited once they have complied with two basic requirements, namely to undergo integrity vetting conducted by MACC and attend in-class training at the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA).

A four-day training on Legal Aspects Complementing the MS ISO37001:2016 Anti-Bribery Management System is scheduled for 25-28 February 2019 by the Corporate Anti-Corruption Compliance Centre (CACCC) of MACA. Apart from providing a better understanding of the law on Corruption as prescribe by the MACC Act 2009, participants will also be able to avail themselves to the Corporate Liability provision of Section 17 (A) in the MACC Act (Amended) 2018 as well as an introduction to Corruption Risk Management (CRM).

To CBs, you can get more information through our website, www.jsm.gov.my; while to organisations, ensure you get certified by our accredited CBs," Fadilah concluded.

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About Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia)

Governed by the Standards of Malaysia Act 1996 (Act 549), the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) is an agency established on 28 August 1996, under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). Standards Malaysia is the National Standards & Accreditation Body of Malaysia providing confidence to various stakeholders, through credible standardisation and accreditation services for global competitiveness.

Our aspiration is to create a culture of quality amongst Malaysians, to make standards an accepted component of businesses locally and to achieve global recognition for our products and services; thus improving the overall quality of life.

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About MACC

With vision to create a corruption-free society based on high spiritual and moral values, the MACC is a government agency leading the investigation of corruption cases in both public and private sectors in Malaysia.

The establishment of the commission took place in 2008 when the Parliament and the Malaysian Government have unanimously agreed to replace the Anti-Corruption Agency Act 1982 (ACA Act 1982) with the new MACC Act 2009, which eventually leads to the official establishment of the MACC as an independent, transparent and professional body to effectively steer the nation's anti-corruption efforts.

For more information on the training course, please visit www.sprm.gov.my or contact Corporate Anti-Corruption Compliance Centre (CACCC) of the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA) at Tel: 03-62092800 (Ext:2889) / Email: cacc@sprm.gov.my