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## **SHOWCASE OF PLAYGROUND COMPLYING TO MALAYSIAN STANDARD IN MIDDLE OF YEAR 2019**

**Putrajaya, October 30, 2018** – There will be one playground that will be developed based on the requirements of MS 966 - Playground Equipment - Safety Performance for Public Use Specification and MS 2665 - Playground Surfacing as a pilot project showcase . This is one of the output of the Pilot Project spearheaded by Standards Malaysia in collaboration with National Landscape Department and Playground Safety Association of Malaysia (PSAM). The identified location is in Taman Pristana, Sungai Buloh and for this initiative, the pilot project members are working closely with Majlis Daerah Kuala Selangor (MDKS).

There are also three playgrounds which were assessed based on the requirements of MS 966 and MS 2665. The playgrounds were in Taman Putra Perdana and Pusat Kejiranan Presint 9, Putrajaya and in KLCC. These assessment will provide the baseline for improvement and upgrading of available playgrounds in accordance to the Malaysian safety standards.

“Children's playgrounds are available in most residential areas across the country. Unfortunately more than often, playgrounds have become the source of parents' complaints due to dubious safety levels. It is hoped that the success of those pilot projects will be able to encourage more local authorities to use MS 966 and MS 2665 as the key reference in planning, development and maintenance of playground activities,” said Datuk Fadilah Baharin, Director-General of Standards Malaysia.

“The 2<sup>nd</sup> National Playground Safety Seminar on 30-31 October 2018 at Pulse Grande Hotel, Putrajaya is one of the platform provided through the pilot project to further address the current scenario, challenges and direction of playgrounds in Malaysia. It is with high hope that the pilot project will provide more factual and evidence based outcomes to position playground safety as a national agenda in the future”, she added.

Pn Hajah Rotina Mohd Daik, Director General of National Landscape Department says, "ensuring the safety of playground equipment, is a shared responsibility of different stakeholders. There are needs to involve various parties including the community and the children themselves in highlighting the real issues in developing a fully functioning, safe, and durable playgrounds". She also gives emphasize on the technology enhancement and R&D in producing more durable products of the playground.

"Playgrounds Safety is everyone's concerns and PSAM in championing safety of playgrounds calls for participation from all quarters - Parents, Communities awareness and active role in ensuring children get to play in a safe environment, Play Safely under constant supervision are vital in ensuring safety in the real sense of the words is secured and uphold for the sake of our children who would grow to be the country's future leaders," YBhg Datuk Shahoran Johan Ariffin, Presiden of Playground Safety Association of Malaysia (PSAM).

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