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# MALAYSIA HOSTS THE 105<sup>th</sup> ISO COUNCIL MEETING

*“The World’s First ISO Council February Meeting Outside of Geneva’s ISO Office”*

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**KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 2** -- Malaysia through the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) has been chosen to be the 1<sup>st</sup> country in the world to host the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Council February Meeting outside of the ISO office in Geneva, Switzerland.

This 105<sup>th</sup> ISO Council Meeting was held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), on 26 February - 1 March. The ISO Council members consist of the CEOs of National Standards Body from 20 countries around the world.

Malaysia joined ISO since 1969; and it is pleased to announce that this is the 8<sup>th</sup> time that a representative from Malaysia has been elected to be the ISO Council Member. YBhg. Datuk Fadilah Baharin, Director General of Standards Malaysia currently is one of the members for the term 2017-2019.

In conjunction with the meeting, today was a dialogue between the Malaysian National Policy Makers with the ISO President, Mr. John Walter, with the theme: ‘Charting the Future through the Impact of Standards Usage’.

“In realising Vision 2020 and progressive 2050, standards play a major role in ensuring a positive socio-economic transformation and better quality of life. This dialogue provided a platform for the global leaders to deliberate, exchange knowledge and experience on standards usage; and how standards can complement initiatives in addressing current global issues,” said Fadilah.

This dialogue was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), YB Datuk Wira Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah, as one of the keynote speakers and panellists for the topic: Malaysia’s initiatives in nurturing the right Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) work force.

“In this globalisation era, facing the challenges of the 4th Revolution or 4IR as well as Industry 4.0 is a must, and then preparing Malaysian to master STEM is needed and crucial. We anticipate and acknowledge the value of standardisation education in STEM and MOSTI will continue to support Standards Malaysia to take more initiatives for creating and educating expertise in STEM field,” said Dr. Abu Bakar.

Amongst the area of key interests in this dialogue are smart cities, information and communication technologies (ICT), information security, renewable energy, robotics, cloud computing, internet of things (IoT), smart manufacturing, smart farming, nanotechnologies and creating the right talent particularly in STEM to support the current and future industries.

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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 Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

Standards Malaysia is the National Standards and Accreditation Body of Malaysia providing confidence to various stakeholders, through credible standardisation and accreditation services for global competitiveness.

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