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PRODUCTIVITY DIALOGUE OF THE ENGINEERING FRATERNITY WITH YB DATO' SRI MUSTAPA MOHAMED MINISTER MITI KUALA LUMPUR

YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry had a dialogue session with the Engineering Fraternity at MITI Tower today. The dialogue session was jointly organised by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) and the Malaysia Services Providers Confederation (MSPC). The objectives of the dialogue is to find ways and means and devise strategies to further increase the competitiveness of local engineering service providers as well as to enhance the contribution of the engineering services to exports. About 100 participants from the engineering fraternity which comprised of engineers, engineering technologists and engineering technicians attended the session.

The engineering services is part of the professional services which has been recognised as an important driving force of the services sector and identified as one of the prioritised services sub-sector in the 11th Malaysia Plan. In particular, the engineering fraternity assumes an important role in the economy such as in construction, mining, infrastructure, agriculture, ICT, logistics, medical and wellness, tourism as well as in security.

MSPC president, Ts. Choo Kok Beng in his opening remark addressed some important issues faced by Malaysian engineers as well as engineering firms such as lack of capital for growth and expansion and outflow of local talent to overseas market. Thus, drastic and strategic actions need to be taken to improve productivity of Malaysian engineering consultancy firms.

Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed in responding to questions posed during the dialogue, stressed that the liberalisation of the services sector particularly in engineering services would create opportunities such as greater market access for local engineers and entrepreneurs. Liberalisation also provides opportunities for domestic joint ventures as well as collaboration in overseas ventures.

The Professional Services Productivity Nexus is a centre of excellence for all matters related to increasing productivity in both manufacturing and services sectors and will be the catalyst in implementing productivity initiatives with close cooperation with the Government. The industries are encouraged to leverage on the programmes available under the nexus to further increase productivity. Professional services is one of the six productivity sectors identified under the National Productivity Blueprint. Ts Choo Kok Beng was officially appointed as the Productivity Nexus for Professional Services by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the 2nd National Productivity Council meeting which was held on 27 November 2017.

YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed

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About MITI:

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry was established in April 1956 then was renamed as The Ministry of Trade and Industry in February 1972. On 27 October 1990, the Ministry was separated into two Ministries which are; Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDN).

MITI is the key driver in making Malaysia the preferred destination for quality investments and enhancing the nation's rising status as a globally competitive trading nation. Its objectives and roles are oriented towards ensuring Malaysia's rapid economic development and help achieve the country's stated goal of becoming a developed nation by 2020.

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