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OFFICIAL OPENING OF INFINEON KULIM'S OFFICE BUILDING 2

KULIM, August 9, 2018 –

Infineon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn. Bhd.'s Office Building 2 which houses a multi-purpose hall, training area and up to 660 workstations to be used for administrative, IT and engineering staff officially opened its door today at the Opening Ceremony by the Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Darell Leiking and YAB Chief Minister of Kedah.

Infineon has been in Malaysia for 45 years since its establishment in 1973. Malaysia is the only location outside the United States of America and Europe that features Infineon's fully integrated manufacturing operations. Infineon employs over 10,000 Malaysians in its operations here, which is one-third of Infineon's total global headcount and its largest operation worldwide. Infineon Kulim is the first and only wafer fabrication facility for Infineon in Asia with 13 years of expertise in front-end semiconductor manufacturing.

"In the trade figures released last week, we saw that our exports extended its growth for four consecutive months by 7.6% year-on-year to RM78.66 billion in June, driven by electrical and electronic (E&E) products. Malaysian E&E exports in June 2018 was valued at RM29.89 billion, equivalent to 38% of total exports. I am sure Infineon Malaysia's cumulative export value of an impressive RM4 billion per year contributed to the exports of E&E products which increased by 6.9% from June 2017." said YB Darell Leiking.

YB Darell emphasised, "I am pleased that Infineon's total accumulated investment in Malaysia stands at RM14 billion as at 2017 and Infineon Kulim's position as the Competence Centre for Megatrend Technologies for Automotive and Energy Efficiency exemplifies its pursuance of high value-added activities for the Malaysia's E&E sector. I look forward to Infineon continue bringing in technologically-advanced manufacturing and flourishing together with Malaysia as the Government welcomes quality investments that will spur the economic growth of our beloved country. The Government will continue to support the businesses to improve their technology and innovation, including by way of ensuring our investment policies encourage the entry of new technologies into the country."

Infineon is undertaking projects to move up the industry value chain which is in tandem with Malaysia's aspiration with Industry 4.0 of making Malaysia a strategic partner for smart manufacturing and related services in Asia Pacific. Infineon's highly automated and digitalized processes and the incorporation of automation and cyber-physical systems demonstrate Infineon as among the leaders in driving the adoption of Industry 4.0 elements in the manufacturing sector, an endeavour that ought to be emulated by companies in Malaysia to take full advantage of the benefits of Industry 4.0.



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MITI has been working with various related Ministries, Agencies and the industry in formulating the national policy for the manufacturing sector to adopt Industry 4.0. Extensive stakeholder consultation has been undertaken and the policy is targeted to be announced in the third quarter of 2018.

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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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