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YBHG. DATO' ABDUL LATIF HJ ABU SEMAN  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
MALAYSIA PRODUCTIVITY CORPORATION (MPC)**

*Saya mengesahkan bahawa kerja-kerja  
telah dilaksanakan dengan sempurna.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nor Halisa Mohamad Halil'.

Nor Halisa Mohamad Halil  
Senior Manager  
Delivery Management Office (DMO)  
Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)

**ON THE OCCASION OF SIGNING CEREMONY  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)  
BETWEEN MALAYSIA PRODUCTIVITY CORPORATION  
AND ARCHITECT CENTRE SDN. BHD.**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 10.30am**

## **Salutation**

Yang Berusaha Ts. Ir. Choo Kok Beng  
Champion, Professional Services Productivity Nexus (PSPN)

Yang Berusaha Ir. Ong Ching Loon  
President, The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM)

Distinguished Guests,

Professional Services Practices and Practitioners,

Members of the Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera, and  
Good Morning

1. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our virtual signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding today between Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) and the Institution of Engineers Malaysia Training Centre (IEMTC).
2. I am delighted to be here today to formalize and deepen our strategic partnership. This MoU commits us to work together more closely towards our common goal, the pursuit of setting up collaboration between government and professional bodies. The objective of the MoU, amongst others, is to further strengthen, promote, co-operate

and reciprocally assist each other in our respective functions towards professional services consortiums. The Consortium idea was stipulated under Thrust 3 of Malaysia Productivity Blueprint (MPB) for Professional Services Productivity Nexus (PSPN) aiming for cross-country professional services consortiums to increase capability to compete abroad.

3. I am glad to acknowledge that the contribution from IEMTC has been very valuable which has now transformed into today's event. Through IEMTC, an effective public-private partnership will prosper in which professional practices could share their resources such as technical expertise to strengthen local talents. This will continuously produce a highly skilled human capital especially the small and medium scale engineering services companies which signifies in helping Malaysia make the leap towards higher-value and knowledge-intensive activities. It can be materialized through our collaboration and interconnection between our members and networks in the spirit of working together.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. The MoU is to develop a conceptual framework and suitable models to promote growth of professional services. In this context, IEMTC will assist PSPN in developing a conceptual framework and suitable models, provide training and mentoring in order to promote growth of professional services companies or business expansion through various collaborative models. Both parties desire to establish a collaboration in training 2,000 engineers and graduates and employees

of engineering services companies to increase capability to compete both domestically and abroad and as a way forward, to have at least 10 professional consortiums by end of 2025.

5. With the Malaysian Budget 2021, we hope the funds allocated for the professional sector to develop capacity expansion and research & development (R&D) funding or grants will be streamlined for upskilling of Malaysian engineers. Hence, encourage stronger competency and also paving the way towards forming professional services consortiums and digital transformation for wider market expansion and accessibility. This is in line with the overall aim of professionals to double their productivity by 2025.

Ladies and gentlemen,

6. Today's signing will mark the both parties first milestone for closer collaboration to increase our competitiveness to face the current and future challenges. In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to IEMTC in making this MoU a reality. With good will, clear ambitions and strong commitment to work together, I am confident and look forward to taking the next steps towards our common goal of forming professional services consortiums that will increase our capacity to compete abroad. And sincerely again, to all of you for being here this morning to witness the signing of the MoU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH .