



MEDIA STATEMENT

MALAYSIA IS SELECTED AS HOST OF THE 62nd INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE WORLD STATISTICS CONGRESS, 2019

Malaysia has succeeded in its bidding to host the 62nd International Statistical Institute World Statistics Congress (ISI WSC) at Kuala Lumpur in 2019. The announcement was made after the General Assembly of 60th ISI WSC at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil on 30th July 2015. The bidding was led by Datuk Dr. Hj. Abdul Rahman Hasan, the Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics Malaysia. The nation is committed to organise a spectacular gathering of statistical community from all over the world to discuss the development, challenges and innovation in statistical science, in line with the tradition of WSC's of the ISI in the past 130 years.

According to Datuk Zulkefli Hj. Sharif, Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB), a member of the Malaysia delegation, "The success of bringing the Statistical Science Congress, a biennial conference to Malaysia is an outstanding achievement for our

country. As the host, Kuala Lumpur is expected to welcome the presence of 2,500 delegations of statistical science experts worldwide to participate in this prestigious congress. The presence of the delegations will contribute to the national tourism industry activities and the Malaysian economy as a whole".

This congress is a renowned statistical science congress in the world and will be hosted for the first time by Malaysia and the fifth in Asia Pacific. The congress will be held in 2019 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), organised by the Department of Statistics Malaysia in collaboration with Bank Negara Malaysia and Malaysia Institute of Statistics; and supported by MyCEB.

By hosting this prestigious congress, Malaysia will be the centre of attention of the world and will contribute to the country's role in enhancing the development of statistical science. The congress enables enhancement of expertise and strengthen the national statistical system in various fields, particularly in statistical applications, methodology and innovation. Various parties, mainly stakeholders, research institutions and statistical community as well as the public will benefit from this congress.

The International Statistical Institute (ISI), established in 1885, is the oldest institution of professional statistics in the world and has memberships of more than 130 countries and 100 organisations. ISI is a consultative body under the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(UNESCO). ISI is also actively involved in the development of statistical science at the international level via seven related institutions, namely the International Association of Survey Statistician (IASS), Bernoulli Society (BS), International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC), International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS), International Association for Statistical Education (IASE), International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS) and The International Environmetrics Society (TIES).

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