

Press release

INTERNATIONAL SURVEYORS ASSEMBLE IN MALAYSIA FOR THE FIRST TIME



(The Hon. Prime Minister taking a look at the Theodolite during the official opening of XXVFIG 2014 Kuala Lumpur.

From left : President of FIG; Sr.Teo Chee Hai,President PEJUTA haji Mohd Azmi Mohd Zin, Dato Sri Mohd najib Tun Razak, Deputy Sec-Gen of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; Datuk Dr. Abdul Rahim bin Haji Nik and Chief Executive Officer Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB) ; Zulkefli Haji Sharif).

- The 25th FIG Congress celebrates silver jubilee with the convergence of global members in Kuala Lumpur for the 37th General Assembly

Kuala Lumpur, 17 June 2014 – For the first time in Asia, Malaysia will play host to the XXV (25th) International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Congress, a week-long programme from 17 June – 21 June 2014, comprising a trade exhibition, technical sessions and social activities.

The congress - organised by Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB), International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Association of Authorised Land Surveyors Malaysia (PEJUTA), is themed “Engaging the Challenges – Enhancing the Relevance” and was launched by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato’ Sri Najib Tun Razak this afternoon. Of the over 3,000 global FIG members in attendance, comprising surveyors and land professionals, approximately 1,800 are international delegates. The event is expected to have an estimated economic impact of RM40 million.

The FIG Congress is held every four years where thousands of surveying and land professionals from across the globe meet to debate and get inspired, particularly on current developments and contributions that will allow the profession to be continually armed with knowledge and best practices to respond to social, economic, technological and environmental change for a sustainable future.

As FIG is committed to engage the science and technologies, knowledge and practices of the profession to address challenges that humanity faced in order to create a better society, environment and economy, the FIG Congress this year has prepared a series of plenary sessions with interesting topics for policy makers and professionals involved in the administration, management and governance of the natural and built environment. The sessions are chaired by distinguished guests and speakers such as Dato’ Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of international Trade and Industry, Malaysia and Professor Stig Enemark, Honorary President FIG, DdL, Denmark.

This silver jubilee celebration is supported by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia, the Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Land Surveyors Board Malaysia.

Zulkefli Haji Sharif, Chief Executive Officer, MyCEB said, “*We would like to congratulate the global membership of FIG on their 37th General Assembly and silver jubilee celebration. As part of Visit Malaysia Year 2014, we welcome all FIG delegates to Malaysia, Asia’s Business Hub*” ‘*The FIG bids’ success are remarkable examples of the strong teamwork between MyCEB, the local associations and the industry partners.*’

President of FIG, Sr Teo Chee Hai, said, “*The Congress provides an opportunity to engage and exchange, to discuss and debate, to interact and inspire, to mentor and motivate, particularly on current developments and contributions that will allow our Profession to be continually armed with knowledge and best practices, extending the use and usefulness of surveying towards the betterment of society, environment and economy.*”

President of PEJUTA, Sr Haji Mohammad Azmi bin Mohd Zin, added “*We are proud to partner with the FIG and to be able to showcase Malaysia to the global surveyor community. This Congress is a beneficial platform for the exchange of knowledge and ideas whilst promoting growth and development of the surveyor community*”.

Previous countries that have played host to FIG Congresses include the United Kingdom (1998), USA (2002), Germany (2006) and in Australia (2010). Malaysia won the bid to host the 25th assembly at the 2010 FIG Congress in Australia, where Turkey also submitted competing bids.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

About the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) is an international, non-government organisation whose purpose is to support international collaboration for the progress of surveying in all fields and applications. It is a federation of the national member associations with members from over 120 countries and covers the whole range of professional fields within the global surveying community. It provides an international forum for discussion and development aiming to promote professional practice and standards. FIG was founded in 1878 in Paris and was known as the Fédération Internationale des Géomètres.

About the Association of Authorised Land Surveyors Malaysia (PEJUTA)

The Association of Authorized Land Surveyors Malaysia (PEJUTA) is a professional association established under the Registrar of Societies in 1976. Its members comprise surveyors registered under the Licensed Land Surveyors Act 1958 (revised 1991). PEJUTA has progressed significantly since then, contributing significantly to national development over the years. PEJUTA collaborates with the Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia (JUPEM), Land Surveyors Board Malaysia (LJT),

Institutions of Higher Learning and other government agencies for the advancement of the science and practice of the profession.

About the Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB)

MyCEB was established in 2009 by Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Malaysia to further strengthen Malaysia's business tourism brand and position for the international business events market. A non-profit organisation, MyCEB serves as a central hub to assist meeting and event planners to bid for and stage international business events in Malaysia and act as a conduit for national product development. MyCEB's goal is to improve its rankings as an international meetings destination within International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) and to grow business tourism arrivals to Malaysia.

... In November 2011, MyCEB unveiled its business events tagline, 'Malaysia – Asia's Business Events Hub' which encompasses its aim to communicate Malaysia's proposition as a gateway to Asia for meetings – where many of Asia's diverse cultures, languages and lifestyles are represented and have merged through a long history of trade and meetings. Last year, MyCEB (Business Events Division) supported 42 associations and 91 corporate incentive groups representing 81,350 delegates to organize their events in Malaysia. The country has also played host to 106 meetings and conventions, 18 exhibitions and 109 corporate incentive groups.

Malaysia Major Events, previously known as International Events Unit (IEU) is another division of Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB). It focuses on identifying and supporting major event bids for sports, arts, lifestyle and entertainment events. It also assists home grown and home hosted events as well as other cluster events that strengthen Malaysia's global appeal as an international avenue for major events.

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