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IEC GENERAL MEETING 2022

San Francisco, 31 Oct 2022 – Energy Commission CEO, Ir. Ts. Abdul Razib Dawood, together with Department of Standards Malaysia's officers, Hussalmizzar Hussain, Senior Director of Standardisation Division and Mahadir Mohamed with the presence of Business Industry Leaders from around the world joined technology experts attend the 86th annual IEC General Meeting by International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

Around 2000 participants representing 90 countries took part in this meeting. Keynote speakers for the event include Laurie E. Locascio, the US Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology. This year, IEC GM 2022 which officially begins on Monday 31 October 2022, will focus on the importance of standardisation in support of global commerce removing barriers to trade and sustainable development goals. International standards and conformity assessment enable businesses to access new markets and innovate on products that can be consumed around the world.

Malaysia, as the member body to IEC, has been actively participated in various TC/SC. In total, 396 experts were nominated from various interest group to participate in the standard development. Interest group are mainly from industry players, consumer association, academia, regulatory bodies and government representatives.



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IEC standardisation work also helps to protect both people and the environment and, in this context, delegates will learn more about the IEC Global Impact Fund, launched earlier this year, and how it will help to solve specific environmental, social and governance challenges by using international standards and conformity assessment.

“To decarbonize our economy towards low carbon economy, industries will need to electrify and as a result, the demand of electricity will increase. The share of renewable energy in total energy mix will also have to increase. Malaysia is committed to the target of achieving net zero GHG by 2050 through various initiatives and our active participation in the work of international standardisation in particular the IEC,” remarked Ir. Ts. Abdul Razib Dawood.

Delegates will examine the role that international standards and conformity assessment can play in enabling a digital and all-electric society, characterised by safe, ethical and trustworthy technologies and universal access to affordable, clean and sustainable energy. One of the main highlights of IEC GM 2022 will be an interactive International Roundtable on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Distinguished speakers representing a broad range of stakeholders will look at how IEC Standards and Conformity Assessment Systems can be helpful in meeting and realizing the SDGs. They will also examine the role and responsibility of corporations in addressing the goals.

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