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22 STANDARDS BODY HEADS GATHER IN MALAYSIA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ISO STRATEGY 2030

KUALA LUMPUR, Department of Standards Malaysia through collaboration with International Organization for Standardization (ISO), organised the ISO Asia Pacific CEO Forum on 14-16 March 2023, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This prestigious event gathered CEOs and heads of organisations of National Standards Bodies (NSB) from 22 countries in Asia Pacific region - Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

The objective of this forum is to create a unique platform for Heads of ISO members to get together informally and to discuss strategic issues regarding their organisations, their mutual relationships, and their engagement with ISO.

[Forum was officiated by YBrs. Mr. Shaharul Sadri bin Alwi, Director General, Department of Standards Malaysia, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). In his opening speech, Mr. Shaharul mentioned that *“We will explore how we can work together to implement the ISO Strategy 2030. These ambitious plans set out a vision for the future of standardisation and outline a roadmap for achieving it”*]

This forum is an ideal setting for fostering constructive dialogue, for sharing information and experiences, for identifying common challenges and solutions to those challenges, and as well as for considering or promoting cooperation in selected areas among the ISO members within the region.

Members also discussed on effort and actions needed to implement the ISO Strategy 2030. Members agreed that success will depend on close collaboration, innovation, and adaptability, and they are confident that this forum will help to catalyse these efforts.

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