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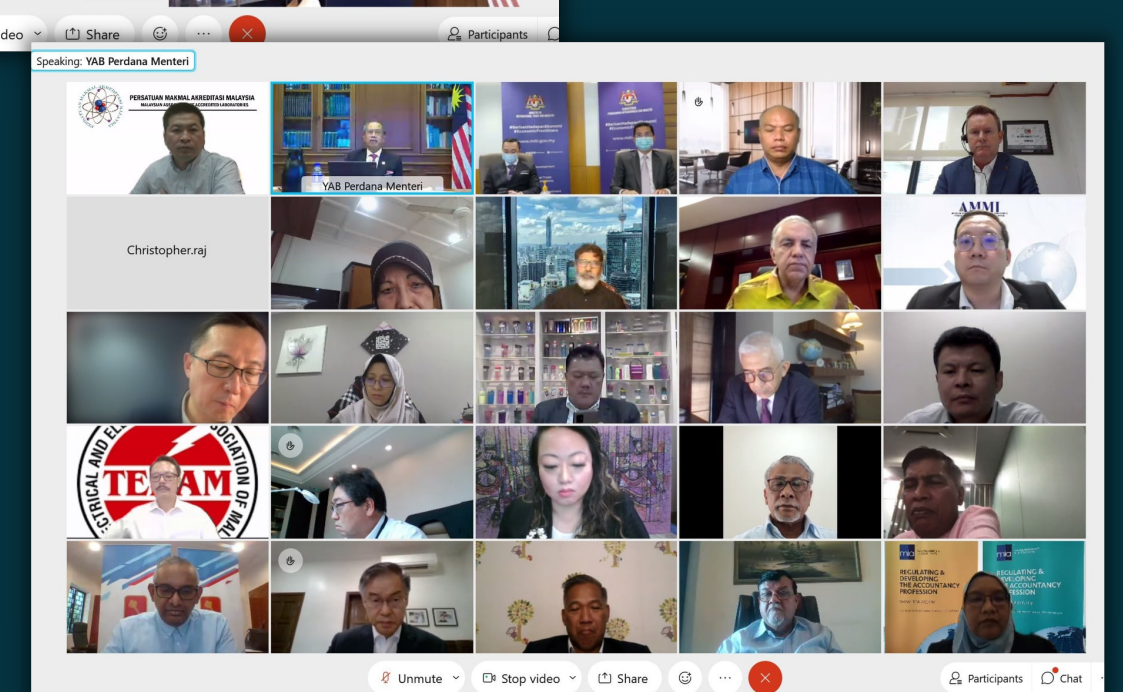
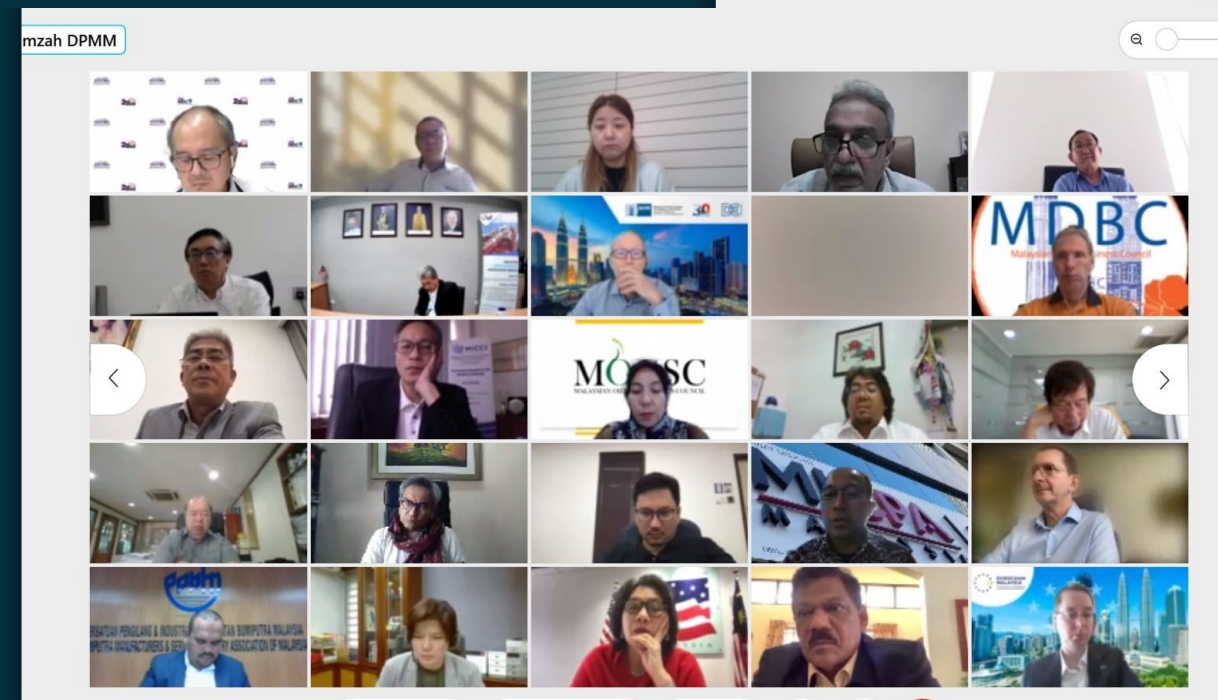
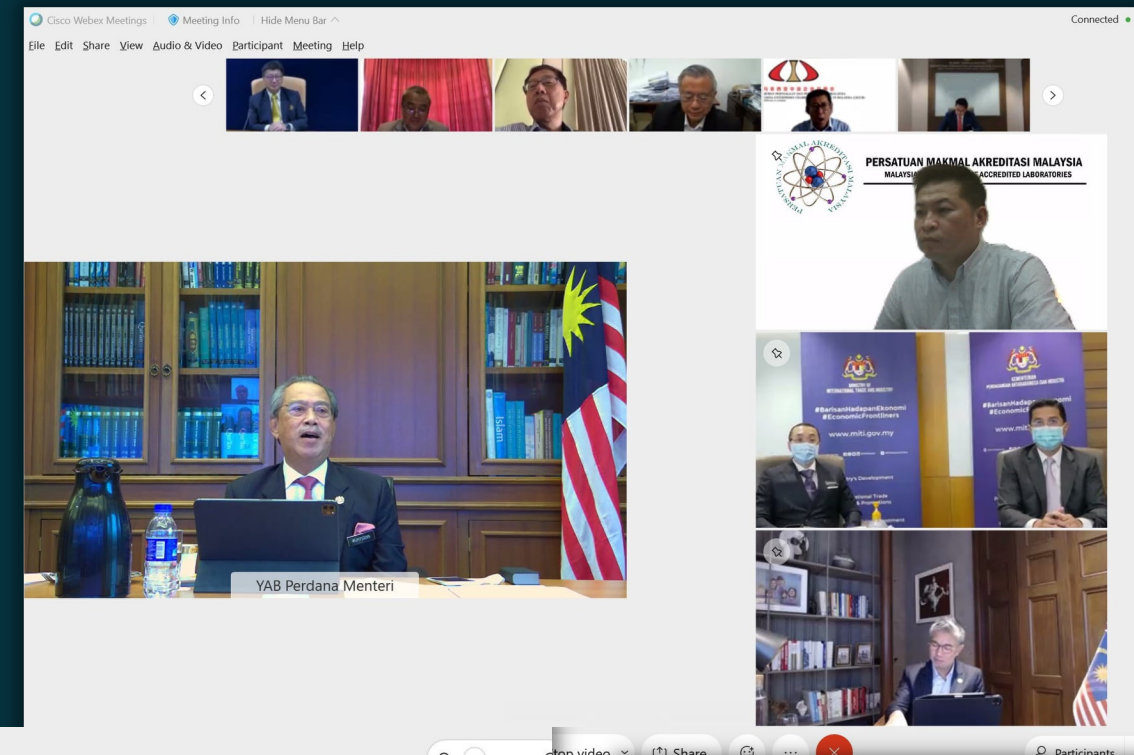
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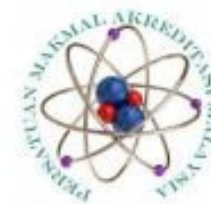
## Dialog with Our Prime Minister. 21 May 2021

Persatuan Makmal Akreditasi Malaysia has join dialog with Our Prime Minister Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Muhyiddin Bin Hj. Mohd. Yassin , The Minister of Miti, and The Minister of Finance.



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## Vaccination Program for Economic Frontliner



**PERSATUAN MAKMAL AKREDITASI MALAYSIA**  
MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF ACCREDITED LABORATORIES

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UKM 43600, Bangi Selangor

25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To,

PMAM Members,

**Title: VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC FRONTLINER**

The National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for the Economic Sector was launched by the Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) on 24 February 2021, and covers three phases according to target groups:

- i. **Phase 1** (Feb-May 2021) - frontline personnel.
- ii. **Phase 2** (Apr-Aug 2021) - high-risk groups, e.g., the elderly and comorbid disease patients.
- iii. **Phase 3** (May 2021 - Feb 2022) - categories other than Phases 1 and 2.

PMAM is driving a campaign to request for industry players to be classified as "economic frontlines" and for eligible members to be added as vaccine recipient groups under Phase 2 of the vaccination programme as registrations under this phase is currently not full.

The goal is to expedite vaccination roll out to attain herd immunity within the community to break the chain of transmission of Covid-19 infections.

**Eligibility**

Companies which have at least 80% of company's employees (local and foreign) already registered voluntarily for immunisation through the MySejahtera application or the website. [www.vaksinovid.gov.my/daftar\\_vaksin.html](http://www.vaksinovid.gov.my/daftar_vaksin.html)

**Join The Economic Frontlines Vaccination Programme**

1) Complete the attached excel template provided by MITI

The excel template consists of two sheets:

Sheet 1 - Company Information;

Sheet 2 - Employees Information (candidates who have registered through MySejahtera or [http://www.vaksinovid.gov.my/daftar\\_vaksin.html](http://www.vaksinovid.gov.my/daftar_vaksin.html)).

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## Waiting on Miti for approval

### Cascading effect if we're not able to open, say labs

Over 800 laboratories cannot operate without clearance

**TheStar EXCLUSIVE**

By LO TERN CHERN  
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**GEORGE TOWN:** Some 800 laboratories in the country are in a bind as they have not been given clearance by the International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti) to operate during the lockdown.

This means that they are not able to certify and roll out into the market items such as food, medical devices and pharmaceutical products.

Supply of goods to the domestic and international market will also be affected as producers will refrain from putting them on the shelves without valid accreditation.

Malaysian Association Of Accredited Laboratories (PMAM) chairman Louis Ooi said its members had not been able to register via Miti's Covid-19 Intelligent Management System (CIMS) 3.0 portal since May 30.

"About 95% of our members, involving some 10,000 workers in various laboratories throughout the country, cannot operate as we have not gotten Miti's approval.

"We submitted the applications on Sunday but we are still waiting for the approval.

"Closure of the laboratories will result in disruption of the testing and calibrating services. This will then affect the supply of goods, food, medical devices, pharmaceutical products and animal feed.

"Without a valid accreditation, all the items are not allowed to be sold. Exports, too, will be halted as all the goods need to meet the international standards requirement.

"About 5% of our members are also involved in the Covid-19 test on food and product packaging to ensure they are safe before being sold in the market," he added.

Ooi said PMAM had obtained supporting documents from the Department of Standards Malaysia to certify that the association members were part of the chain of essential services.

"We have submitted supporting documents for our applications," added Ooi, who is also Small and Medium Enterprises Association (Samenta) south chairman.

When contacted, a Miti spokesman said the laboratories must apply with the relevant ministries overseeing their sector or industry for approval.

"If they (laboratories) have applied to the overseeing ministry, their applications will be evaluated and approved accordingly by that ministry," he said.

He added that Miti was coordinating a one-stop centre involving 18 ministries and agencies.

He said the ministry would only issue approval letters under CIMS 3.0 once the centre got the approval from the respective ministry.

"The CIMS is functioning but a bit of time is needed to ensure only genuine companies are given approval letters to operate and for workers to travel.

"We need to filter since many companies are trying to apply under false pretences," the spokesman said.

Under the two-week lockdown which started on June 1, companies are required to apply for new approval letters and for their employees to travel to get to work.

This led to a rush by companies to obtain the approval letters, including some confusion on whether they are categorised among the 17 essential services sectors allowed to operate during the lockdown.

**Online registration:** Hardly anyone can be seen at the Miti counters in Kuala Lumpur as companies must use the agency's CIMS portal to apply for the relevant approval letters. — Bernama

**GEORGE TOWN:** A company specialising in the calibration of pharmaceutical equipment will have to remain closed until they get the green light from the government to operate during the lockdown.

"We handle mostly the pharmaceutical sector as a critical service provider. We calibrate items such as thermometers as well as chillers and freezers for storage of drugs to ensure its overall functionality.

"Even cremation chambers need to be calibrated," said Trescal Group corporate quality manager Rusmanira Mohd Rawi.

She said the company was listed as essential services during the first movement control order last year but not during this latest lockdown.

"In the current Miti's list, we are not included in any categories.

"Our closure is critical to the industry as many tests cannot be delayed.

"There is heavy mapping involved to ensure drugs are preserved for pending jobs," she said, adding that its clients included the police, armed forces and Fire and Rescue Department.

A multinational laboratory said it was concerned for their clients as their products could not be certified.

The company manager, who declined to be named, said the laboratory received about 500 food samples daily to be tested.

"We provide manufacturing-related services to support the manufacturing sector. Our business is to perform testing, inspection and certification.

"Food companies have to send us samples to be tested before the products can reach the market. They need a third-party laboratory to get the accreditation.

"Any delay in giving us the approval letter would mean untested and uncertified products ending up in the market," he said.

About 800 laboratories in Malaysia are in a quandary as they have not been given clearance by the International Trade and Industry Ministry to operate during the two-week lockdown.



**Housewife, tutor charged with spreading fake news**

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A housewife and a tutor are the first individuals in the country to be charged in court under the Emergency Ordinance with spreading fake news related to Covid-19 infection and vaccine for the virus.

In Kangar, Norjannah Rusli, 28, was fined RM5,000, in default five months' jail, by the Kangar Sessions Court after she pleaded guilty to spreading fake news pertaining to the pandemic via WhatsApp, with the intention to create fear and concern among the public.

The offence was allegedly committed at a house in Jalan Pauh, Kampung Belukar, Arau, at 10.31am on April 18.

The charge was framed under Section 4(1) of the Emergency Ordinance (Essential Powers) (No.2) 2021, which carries a maximum fine of RM100,000 or a jail term of up to three years, or both.

Judge Musyiri Peet advised the mother of two to be more responsible as the country was still dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.

On April 20, the Perlis Education Department lodged a police report over claims that nine students from SMK Guar Nangka had tested positive for Covid-19, which caused panic among parents and students in the state.

Meanwhile in Johor Baru, tutor Mohd Nazarruddin Yusoff (pic), 50, pleaded not guilty at the Johor Baru Sessions Court to a charge of posting fake news on Facebook regarding death due to the Covid-19 vaccine.

He was charged with committing the offence with the same intention under the same ordinance.

The offence was allegedly committed at the Pontian district police headquarters at 11.50am on April 21.

Judge Ahmad Fuad Othman fixed bail at RM8,000 with one surety and set July 7 for mention.

The Emergency Ordinance (Essential Powers) (No.2) 2021 defines fake news as news or information that is wholly or partially false relating to Covid-19 or the proclamation of Emergency.

The ordinance came into effect on March 12, 2021. — Bernama



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**Private labs yet to get Miti approval**

About 800 laboratories, whose task is to test and certify items such as food, medical devices and pharmaceutical products, have yet to get approval to operate during the lockdown. They were listed as manufacturing-related services during MCO 1.0 but their status is unknown at this time. > See reports on page 3 by LO TERN CHERN

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Thank you for responding to PMAM's call. However, created a new sub-sector called \*Makmal Pengujian\* under an existing cluster of \*Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi\* that accepting PMAM's member application today doesn't solve the problem, whereas \*Respective Ministry\* does not react to our applications as communicated. Conversely, PMAM would like to thank Jabatan Standard Malaysia for helping our members to get the approval until 9 pm under the existing cluster, namely \*Pembuatan\*. Despite the misleading directive, 30% of PMAM's members received MITI approval. Sabas JSM.  
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## Collaboration with Department Standard Malaysia

Wakil Standards Malaysia bertugas (secara berjadual) di MITI bagi Memproses Permohonan Sektor Pembuatan (khusus bagi permohonan makmal pengujian/kalibrasi/perubatan; badan pensijilan dan badan pemeriksaan).



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## Peniaga bingung tunggu surat takut disaman

"Sementara itu, Pengerusi Persatuan Makmal Akreditasi Malaysia (PMAM), Louis Ooi berkata, selepas mengemukakan aduan, MITI telah menyelaraskan sistem untuk membenarkan ahli PMAM memohon kebenaran beroperasi."

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"Self-test kit useful"

"We foresee the demand for the kits will be overwhelming" Louis Ooi

## Self-test kits useful but dispose properly

**GEORGE TOWN:** Those who use Covid-19 self-test kits at home should practise strict precautions and dispose of the biohazard waste properly after use.

They should heed the manufacturers' warning, direction to use, disposal method, and adhere to the SOP when carrying out self-testing at home, office or factory, said Malaysian Association of Accredited Laboratories chairman Louis Ooi.

He said the kits were classified as "pathogenic waste, clinical waste or quarantined materials".

He said the disposal of self-test kits was considered biohazard waste under Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 2005 – First Schedule SW404.

Ooi explained that the inappropriate handling of biohazard such as the extracting of saliva, transferring of saliva on the test kit, and disposing of the biohazard waste might cause contamination to the environment and lead to it being a source of transmission.

On Sunday, the Health Ministry,

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through its Medical Device Authority, released a list of two Covid-19 self-test kits that have received conditional approval for import and distribution in the country.

Ooi backed the move, saying that the kits had advantages in being fast and convenient.

"People no longer need to travel to be tested at healthcare facilities but may do it at home, office or factory at any time to minimise social contact," he said.

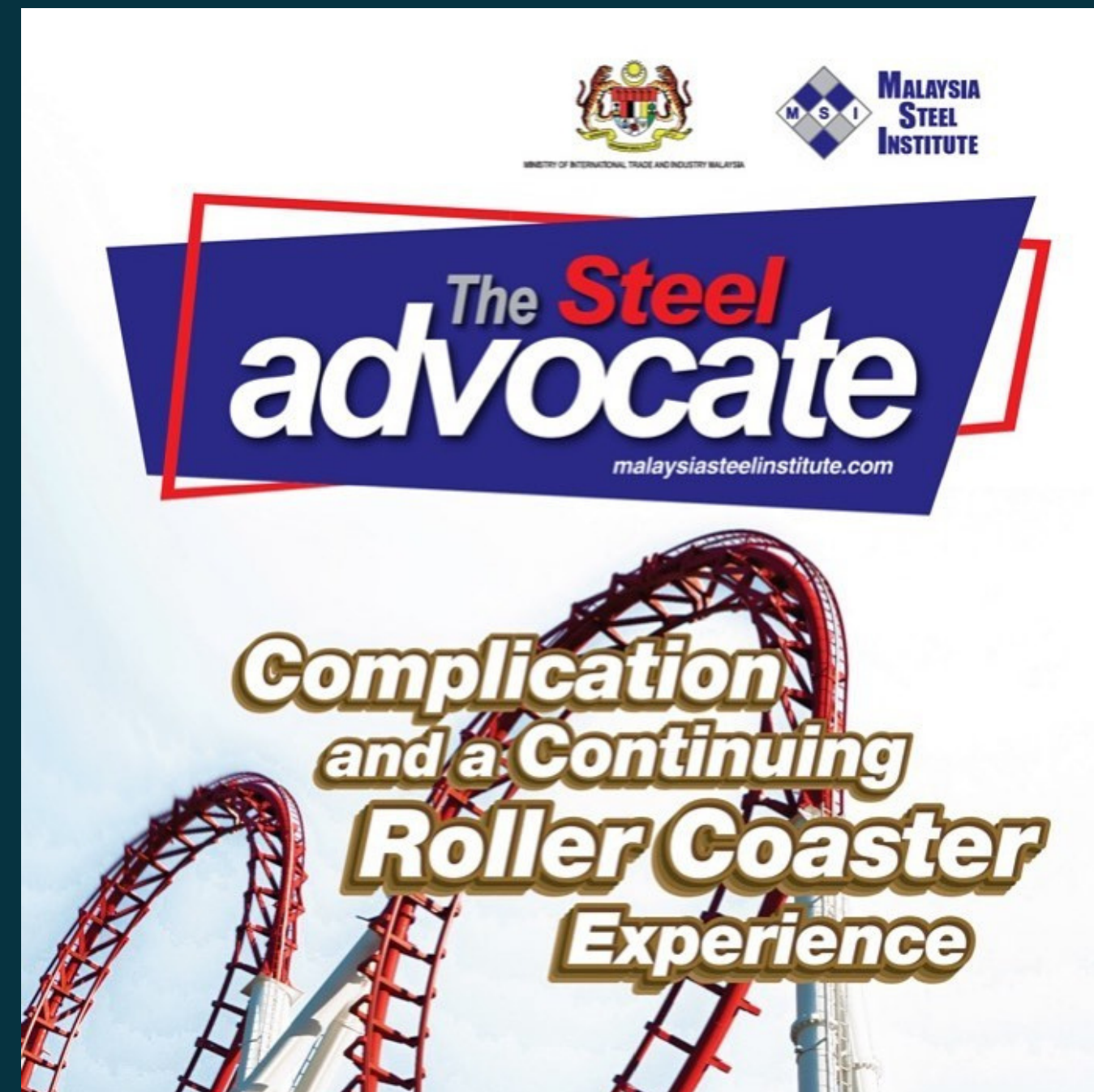
Ooi also urged the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry to set a ceiling price for self-test kits and list them as controlled items.

"Due to the resurgence of Covid-19, we foresee that demand for self-test kits will be overwhelming, and we urge the ministry to set the ceiling price and to benefit the public, employees and employers," he said.

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## ACCREDITED LABORATORIES RAISING THE STANDARD AND ECONOMY

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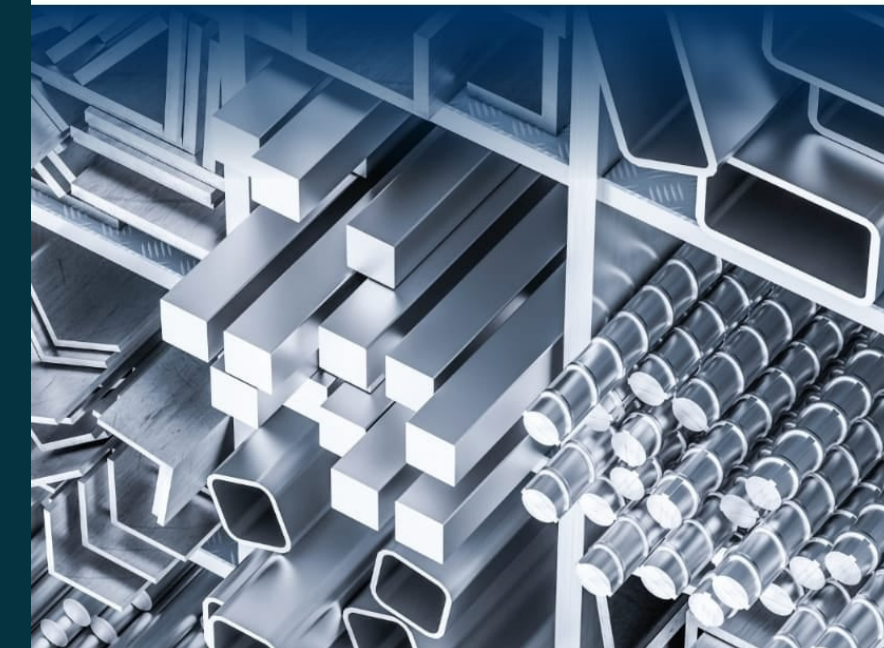
BY LOUIS OOI, CHAIRMAN OF PERSATUAN MAKMAL AKREDITASI MALAYSIA, PMAM

Trade and investment are an important economic activity in Malaysia. The latest data revealed by MATRADE indicated that Malaysia's total trade registered at RM157 billion in February 2021 rose 15.4% compared to February 2020. Furthermore, Malaysia is a trade surplus country among the emerging economies. On that note, Malaysia strives to broaden the trade surplus by introducing strategic transformation programs aiming to be the part of developed economies within the next decade.

Notably, the determinant factor in broadening the trade surplus is "price". For instance, products that meet the "international standard" could dictate a "higher price". Entering sophisticated markets such as the EU, US, Japan, and other developed economies is far easier for products that comply with the international standard. Conversely, products that could not meet the standard do not create any impactful values in our economy. The context between the "higher price" and "international standard" is indeed indicating the "products' quality".

Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) as the National Accreditation Body play the important role of safeguarding products' qualities which are traceable to many profound international standards. Today, we have more than 700 accredited laboratories that provide tests related to products' qualities by issuing a Certificate of Analysis (COA). Under the Skim Akreditasi Makmal Malaysia (SAMM), Standards Malaysia offers more than 50 testing fields such as Chemical, Biological, Mechanical, Electrical, Nucleic Acid, Toxicity, Veterinary, Calibration and Medical Testing. The accredited laboratories' COA are legitimate and recognized internationally. Thus, COA becomes an essential document where the accredited laboratories directly support the international and domestic trading activities and indirectly contributing to the national economic growth.

Many fails to realize how accredited laboratories impacted the national economy. However, the recent restructuring exercise has placed Standards Malaysia from MOSTI to MITI. This strategic move provides a possibility of opening a new avenue for accredited laboratories to participate at the forefront of national economic development. The opportunity and engagement granted injects confidence and commitment from accredited laboratories to support the international and domestic trading activities, which may, in return, raise the standard and economy of the country.



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PMAM:: Presented book of "Championing Standards of Excellence" by Datuk Fadilah to Malaysia Pavilion at Dubai World EXPO.

Among the agenda is to sign the MOU with Persatuan Makmal Akreditasi Malaysia (PMAM) to develop the Supply Chain ecosystem on Testing, Inspection and Certifications (TIC) for supporting economic clusters such as E&E, M&E, MD, Aerospace, and Agritech.

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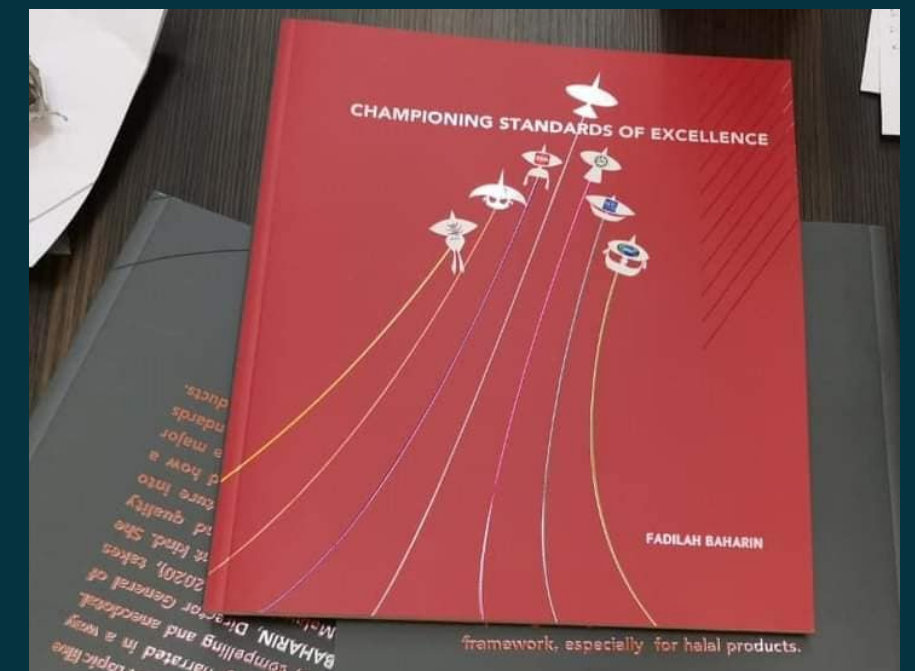
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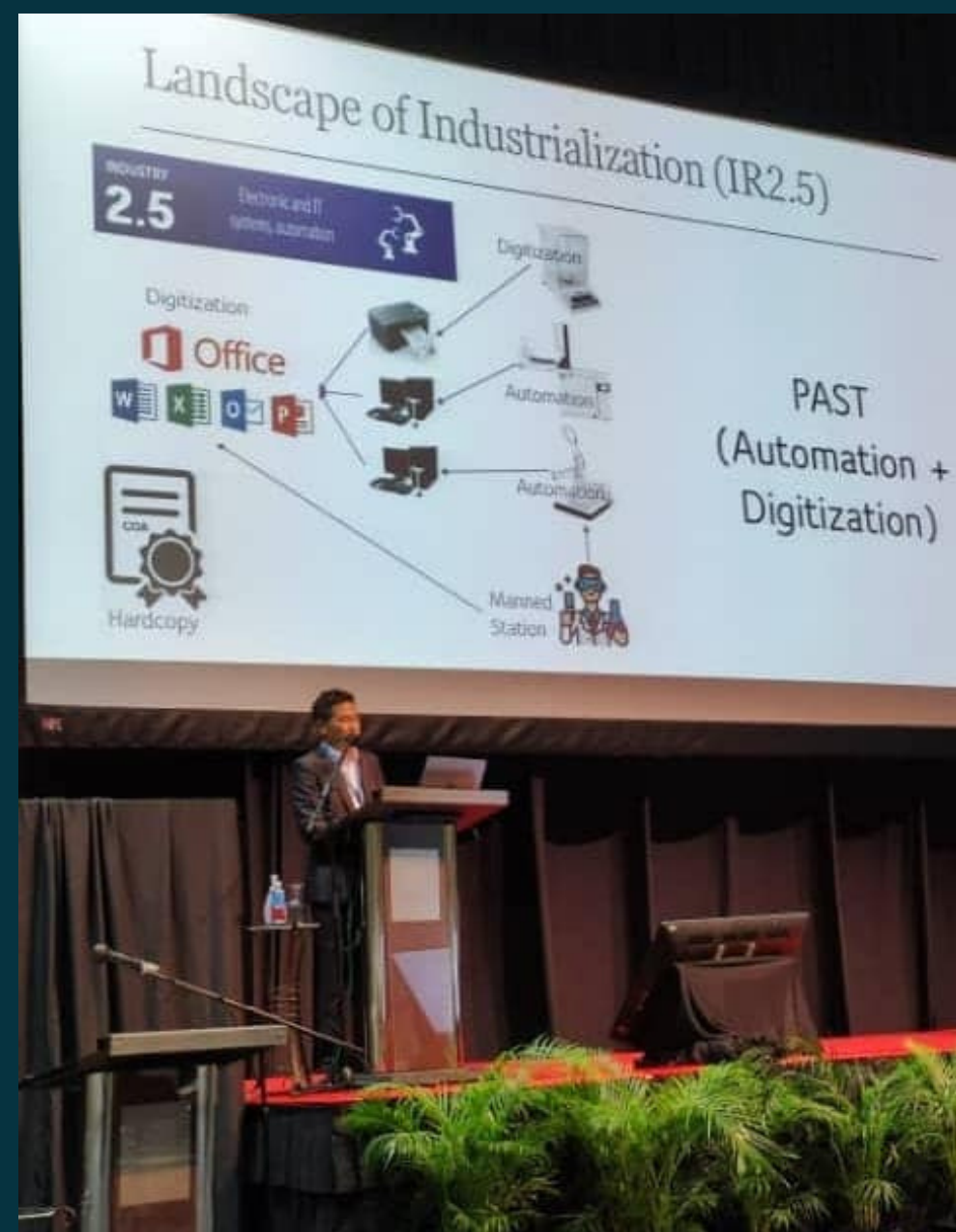


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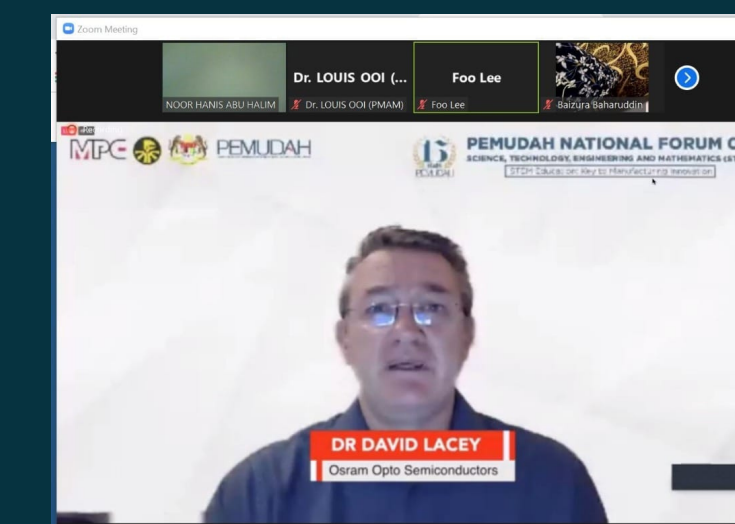
Thx for the Institute Kimia Malaysia #IKM Invited me to represent #PMAM as a speaker to present a paper in the 10th Symposium on Best Practices & Innovations in Laboratory Management #BPILAB. My title is IR4.0. Future Laboratory.

Dr. Ooi Shu Geok (Louis)  
Chairman of PMAM



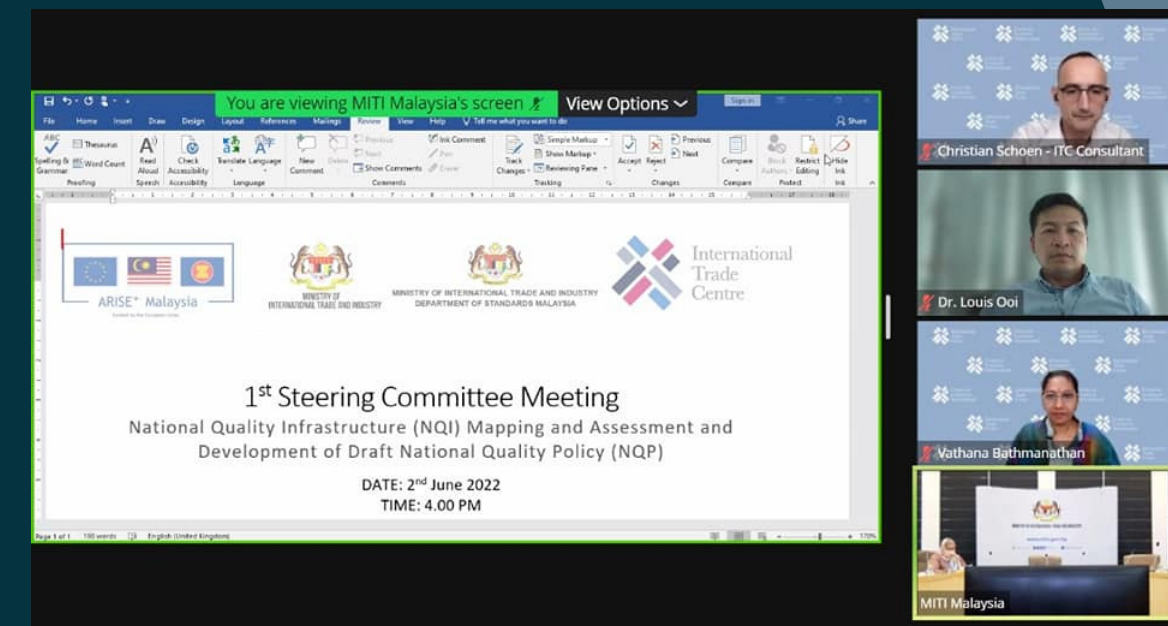
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Dr. Louis represented #PMAM to attend the #PEMUDAH National Forum on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (#STEM). STEM Education: Key to Manufacturing Innovation. #PMAM fully supports the government on the STEM education in Malaysia, as talent such as #chemist, #microbiologist, #biotechnologist, #foodtechnologist, #radiologist, #forensicscientist, and #scientist are of utmost importance to sustain Testing, Inspection, and Certification (#TIC) industry, as well as National Quality Infrastructure (#NQI) development.



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#PMAM was addressed twice in the #NQI 1st steering committee meeting chaired by #MITI Director-General today. First, #PMAM was mentioned by Datuk Shaharul (Director General of Standard Malaysia) during his speech and followed by Mr. Christian Schoen, an international consultant to develop the National Quality Infrastructure #NQI for comments that #PMAM was made.

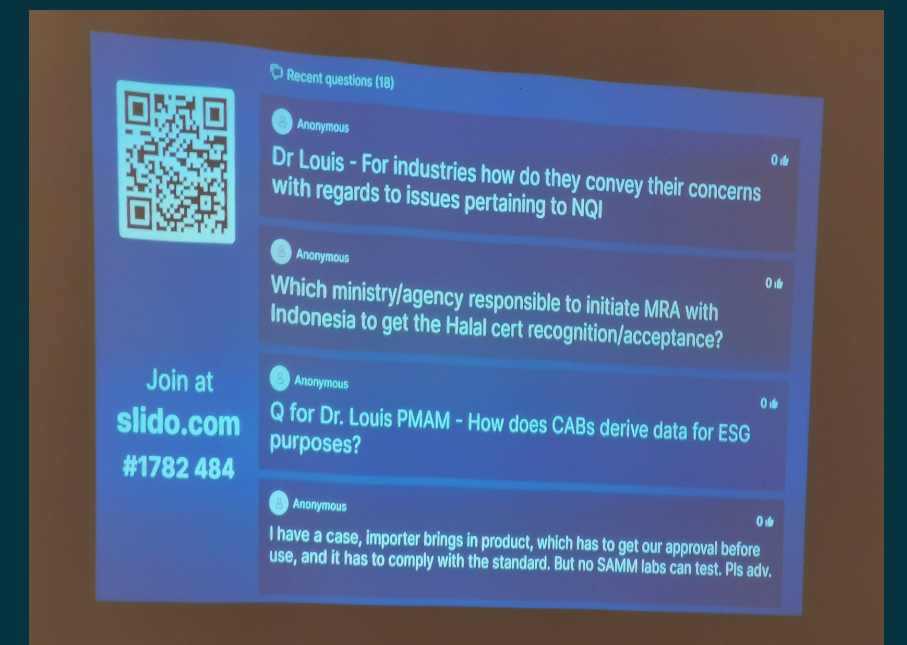
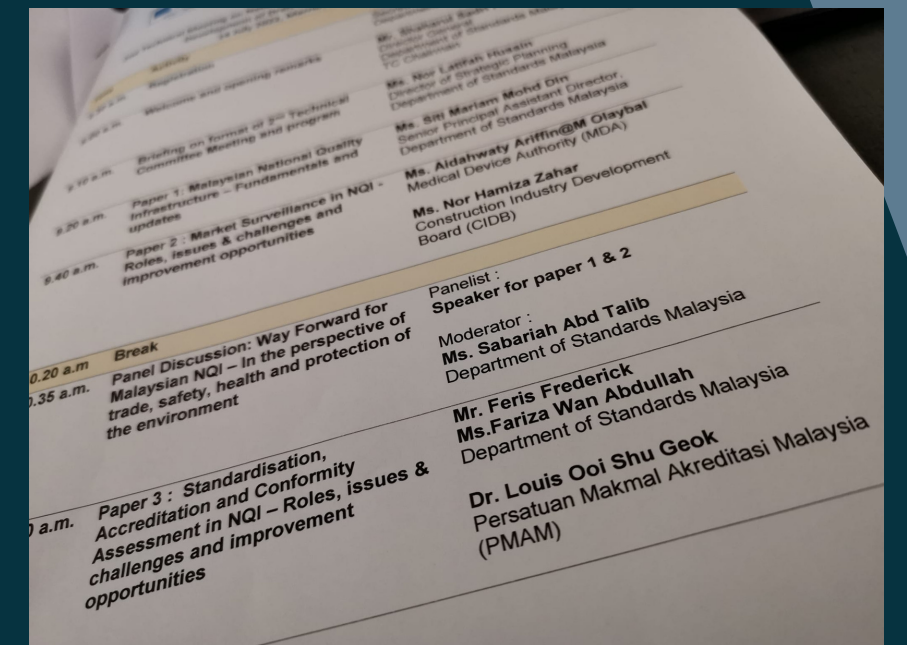


4. The consultant team received comments on the report from the MITI, JSM, NMIM, SIRIM and Persatuan Makmal Akreditasi Malaysia (PMAM)
5. The draft report has been amended accordingly based on the comments and will be retabled again to TC in the second TC Meeting for TC final recommendation to SC

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#PMAM presented a paper on #ConformityAssessment in #NQi: Roles, Challenges, and Opportunities to all 28 regulators in #Malaysia. The input from our fellow members representing 800 accredited #CABs from the #Testing, #Inspection, and #certification industry to craft the maiden #NationalQualityPolicy that could harmonize trade and accelerate our country's export.

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Hybrid-EXCO MEETING BIL.2.2022

Venue: Pulse Grand Hotel, Putrajaya & Online  
(Zoom Meeting)

Date: 28 July 2022

We are honored today to have Datuk Fadilah Baharin, PMAM's Advisor, and former Director General of Standards Malaysia, at our Bil.2 PMAM Exco Meeting 2022, held at Pulse Grande Hotel, Putrajaya

We also extend our honor and gratitude to Mr. Shaharul Sadri bin Alwi, the current Director General of Standards Malaysia, and his team for the fruitful discussion regarding the future direction of the conformity assessment body in Malaysia.



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3D2N technical committee retreat to formulate the National Quality Policy #NQP with 28 regulators, ITC #EU consultant, and facilitated by #standardmalaysia #Miti



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Thank you PKF Malaysia for the sharing session. We will be looking forward to your presence at the meeting and would like to thank you for arranging it.  
Speaker : Mr. Fan Kah Seong & Mr. Phan Horng Kit.

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- Blue box:** Duty/tax/levy/penalty/surcharge that **are being or have been investigated** by the Enforcement Division of RMCD are **not included** in this programme
- Red box:** Companies/Individuals who have been **approved** for duty/tax/levy remission by the Ministry of Finance are **not eligible** for this programme

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The Zoom interface includes a "Meeting chat" window on the right with a message from "kah seong (Guest)" at 11:53 am: "Thank you all for joining us today . I can be contacted at 6012 9288 925 or kahseong.fan@pkfmalaysia.co". The video gallery at the bottom shows participants including "ProducerTax", "kah seong (Guest)", "Maniyan (Guest)", and "rannee (Guest)".

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MUTUALLY ACCEPT ACCREDITED PRODUCT TESTING CERTIFICATIONS by #PMAM. This is specially written for Malaysian Testing, Inspection, and Certification #TIC industries on the landscape change after the #RCEP multilateral agreement.

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## MUTUALLY ACCEPT ACCREDITED PRODUCT TESTING CERTIFICATIONS



Datuk Fadilah Baharin

of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia).

Companies that have undergone testing in Malaysia by an accredited laboratory should be able to export their goods to other RCEP countries under the MRA arrangement, added Datuk Fadillah. As a trading nation, Malaysia's testing, inspection and certification industry is highly regulated and closely monitored.

"Standards Malaysia, a government agency under the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MITI), provides accreditation services for product testing. It is amongst the earliest accreditation body globally



Dr Louis Ooi

to adopt the revision to the standard ISO/IEC 17011:2017, 'Conformity assessment – Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies,'" informed Persatuan Makmal Akreditasi Malaysia (PMAM) chairman Dr Louis Ooi.

To further tap into RCEP PMAM said it is preparing the supply chain ecosystem on testing, inspection and certification to support clusters such as E&E, mechanical and engineering, medical devices, aerospace and agri-tech. PMAM is also co-chairing MITI's Working Group 2 of the National Trade Blueprint 2021-2025, where it is responsible for standards and conformity.

"Our immediate task is to conduct an industrial survey on industry testing and certification requirements, which are then mapped against the 800 accredited laboratories' testing capability to identify the gaps.

"Malaysia has a significant supply of quality testing, inspection and certification infrastructure that is recognized internationally," informed Ooi.

Member countries under the RCEP are beginning to accept product testing and certification results from each other. This is under the mutual recognition agreement (MRA) of test reports and certification for identified products such as those under the electrical & electronic (E&E), pharmaceutical, medical devices and cosmetics sectors.

Under this arrangement, companies do not have to get their products tested again when entering another country within the RCEP community. This saves time and money from having to retest products in the importing country.

RCEP strengthens information exchange and co-operation among member countries in standards, technical regulations and procedures for conformity assessment. These are aimed at facilitating multilateral trade and eliminating technical barriers to trade. Malaysia is also the leader in world halal standards and Shariah compliance in product certification and financial instruments.

"However, getting RCEP regulators in certain sectors beyond ASEAN to recognise the MRA amongst accreditation bodies is still a challenge", said Datuk Fadilah Baharin, ex-director general of the Department

*Thank  
You*