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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have witnessed a series of major political and policy changes after Pakatan Harapan's victory in Malaysia's 14th General Elections. When the new government took over, Malaysians expected reforms in areas including governance and anti-corruption efforts to align with the manifesto that had been promised by the political party.

TI-Malaysia (TI-M) has been playing a significant role in following the progress made by the new government to ensure the reforms promised are delivered.

Mandatory asset declaration for all members of parliament (MPs) is a wise measure in preventing corruption and it has also opened up a new perspective in the country's politics. We have urged the Opposition to do the same thing as well. Besides, we are looking forward to a corrupt-free government machinery with the appointment of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's (MACC) new chief, Ms Latheefa Koya. Although her appointment raised some concerns, TI-M engaged with the Parliamentary Select Committee during the June parliamentary session and gave a proposal on how such appointments can be made more transparent.

TI-M co-hosted the Transparency Asia Pacific Regional Meeting from the 25 – 27 June in Port Dickson. Under the theme of "Innovating Faster than the Corrupt", deep discussion and brainstorming were done among the regional chapters in constructing strategic plans for TI's Vision 2030.

The Corporate Liability Provision under Section 17A of the MACC Act which will come into force in June 2020. TI-M is deeply concerned on the slow progress of corporations and their directors in ensuring there are adequate procedures in place. As usual these companies are hoping for the government to extend the implementation date or make a U-turn!

Overall it has been an incredibly productive and hectic time for TI-M this second quarter year of 2019 and we hope that this momentum will continue. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to each one of you who have contributed. Your support is truly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Dr Muhammad Mohan

President
Transparency International-Malaysia



EDITORIAL

THE CONSCIENCE OF THE PEOPLE

Since its establishment in Malaysia, TI-M has faced many challenges in prodding and pushing the government in implementing various initiatives to cleanse and sanitize the public service to perform with integrity and transparency. Initially, it was an uphill task, sometimes facing the wrath of the powers that be and shielding ourselves from unwarranted criticism. However, after our many years of trials and tribulations and the struggles of our founding members, TI-M is finally reaping the fruits of its labour in seeing the realization of the many of its initiatives and suggestions by the Pakatan Harapan government.

Today we are proud that almost every day, our authorities act with integrity, without fear or favour to bring the perpetrators of dishonesty and corruption to book. We are proud that our vision for a corruption free Malaysia is taking root, slowly but surely.

We can also honestly state that we had a major part to play in changing the administration by our constant criticism of the various corrupt and unethical practices of the previous administration. Today we stand proud that we had an important part to play to ensure a just and fair government for the people of Malaysia. However, we have to reiterate that TI-M is a non-partisan organization. We owe allegiance to our steadfast commitment to integrity, honesty and transparency in not only the administration and governance of the country but also the way business is conducted in the corporate sector of Malaysia.

TI-M will not hesitate to criticize any shortcomings and fall back on integrity by the new government. We envisage a clean, corruption free nation and a culture that believes in honesty and transparency across the board. We envisage a society that permeates integrity, morality and unwavering commitment to governance in all fabric of life- from families to educational institutions, public sector bodies and authorities to corporate sector companies. We are committed to ensure that our nation stands proud even if we do not count ourselves as a rich nation. TI-M will continue its role as the conscience of the people and the nation. We are quite satisfied that much progress has been made to steer the nation in the right direction towards the path of integrity but we will always be alert to ensure that old habits do not rear their ugly heads and destroy whatever that has been achieved so far. Challenges still remain. There is still a lot of resistance to change and reluctance to adapt to a life of honesty. The temptation to receive gratification for favours is strongly imbedded in the minds of public sector administrators as well as corporate players. We know it will take time but with political will and perseverance we are sure that Malaysia will prevail.

Sivasangaran Nair

Editor



MACC CORPORATE INTEGRITY LAUNCH

MILESTONE IN THE PATHWAY OF COMBATING CORRUPTION



Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) organized a half-day launch on Corporate Integrity Pledge (CIP) on 9th of April. It was a milestone in the pathway of fighting against corruption involving organization and companies.

CIP is an initiative under the MACC's Inspection and Consultation Division (BPMP) and it prepares commercial organizations for the upcoming implementation of Corporate Liability Provision Law, which requires companies to ensure adequate procedures in cultivating integrity in the effort of preventing corruption.

The ceremony was officiated by MACC Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention), Dato 'Shamshun Baharin Mohd. Jamil. He spoke on the key features of the CIP program, its flexibility and that it can be tailored to the needs of different industries.

He added that the effectiveness of this effort is subject to the commitment and earnestness of organizations and companies in implementing all the initiatives that have been set up as well as evaluating, monitoring and reporting the progress on a regular basis.

At the event, two briefings were presented, namely Section 17A of the MACC Act 2009 which is a Misconduct by Commercial Organization by SAC Mohamad Khairol Mohamad and CIP by Chief SAC Salwa Muharam.

Also present were BPMP's Director, Datuk Abd. Aziz Aban, Bursa Malaysia's Sustainability Director, Ms. Emilia Tee Yoke Hoong and Senior Commissioner of Companies Commission of Malaysia, Mr. Mohamad Zainal Abidin Ahmad, six representatives of the Malaysian Corporate Integrity System Portal and 46 participants from 30 selected companies.

TI-UKRAINE VISIT TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL BENEFIT

We had the opportunity to host a representative from TI Ukraine, Ms Anastasiia Krasnozhon on 19 April 2019. It was a wonderful experience for us to share the work that we do here in Malaysia as well as getting to know the state of corruption in Ukraine. Ms Anastasiia spent a few hours discussing on possible avenues where TI-M and TI-Ukraine could work together to achieve mutual benefit.

Thank you Anastasiia!



MAXIS SAFETY AND SECURITY DAY RAISE INTEGRITY AWARENESS

In conjunction with Maxis Safety and Security Day, TI-Malaysia collaborated with Maxis' Internal Audit Department to raise the integrity awareness among Maxis' staff. The event was held at Maxis Tower on 30 of April, Sungai Besi Network Office on 2 May, Sunway Pinnacle on 7 May and Subang Hi-Tech on 8 May. A booth was set up with the idea of fun learning. We conducted a mini-quiz followed by an educational session on Section 17 A MACC's Amendment Act 2018 Corporate Liability Provision. There was also an integrity pledge board where all the staff pledged to fight against corruption. The response was very positive.

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL MEETING

GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND VISION 2030



Group photo of participants during the Transparency International Asia Pacific Regional Meeting

TI-Malaysia was honoured to be the co-host for the 2019 Transparency International Asia Pacific Regional Meeting from 25 – 27 June 2019 at Port Dickson. The theme for this year is “**Innovating Faster than the Corrupt**”.

The meeting started with a presentation by one of the leading journalists who investigated and uncovered the infamous 1MDB corruption scandal, Mr Gunasegaram. This was followed by the development updates from each chapter.

Second day followed with the discussion on Vision 2030 and Governance Review regulating the shared understanding on the insight and the opportunities for TI in the coming decade. Some of the suggestions were on improving the Corruption Perception Index for every chapters in Asia Pacific and creating space to speak up at the International Anti-Corruption Conference.



Mr. Gunasegaram delivered his presentation on the 1MDB grand corruption scandal



Mr. Raymon Ram briefed on the development of TI-M during past 6 months



Great conversation took place on the thematic global advocacy priorities; Dirty Money and Political Integrity. Among the discussion were on advancing the Beneficial Ownership Provision as well as reviewing the Anti-Money Laundering Law.



From left to right: Delia Ferreira Rubio (Chair of TI), Dr Muhammad Mohan (President of TI-M), and Patricia Moreira (Managing Director of TI)



Token of appreciation handed by Dr Mohan to Delia Ferreira Rubio

TI-MALAYSIA'S VISIT TO MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF INTEGRITY WORKING TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ISO 37001:2016



The team from TI-Malaysia went for a courtesy visit to the Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM) on 14 May 2019. A meeting was arranged with the Acting CEO, Pn Nor'afiza Saim with Dr Muhammad Mohan, Mr Raymon Ram and Adlina.

Discussion revolved around the possibilities of working together towards the implementation of ISO 37001:2016 Anti Bribery Management System in June 2020 and much more. Thank you to Pn Nor'afiza and the team from IIM for having us.

TI-MALAYSIA AND OBAMA FOUNDATION TOGETHER TACKLING THE YOUTH PROBLEM



TI Malaysia received a meeting invitation from the Obama Foundation for a discussion on youth empowerment in Malaysia. We shared findings from our previous surveys done with MACC with regards to the youth population, along with the other initiatives that we have taken. It was indeed a fruitful session, thank you so much to Peter and Andrea for thinking of us in Malaysia!

TI-CAMBODIA VISIT WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



TI-Malaysia assisted the Cambodian chapter in organizing an overseas study tour in Malaysia under the Youth and Women in Leadership Programme. We were delighted to arrange the meeting for the Cambodian team with the Deputy Minister of Women Family and Community Development, YB Hannah Yeoh and other organizations as well. It was a good initiative in the effort to empower women and youth to also fight for gender equality.

TI-MALAYSIA AND BAR COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON IPCMC

DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTION OF IPCMC



TI-Malaysia was invited by the Bar Council Task Force on IPCMC (Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission) to attend the Roundtable Discussion on IPCMC on 30 May. Dr. Muhammad Mohan attended on behalf of TI-M. It was a closed-door meeting attended by various government and non-governmental departments and agencies.

The objective of the Roundtable Discussion was to discuss the development and direction of IPCMC. TI-Malaysia also issued a press statement on 9 May urging the Royal Malaysian Police to embrace the IPCMC in order to improve their image as well as to bring in overdue reforms.

VISIT FROM SWEDISH NATIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SECRETARIAT

COMMON CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN MALAYSIA AND SWEDEN

The Swedish National Secretariat Sustainable Public Procurement Unit paid a visit to TI-Malaysia on 17 June 2019. They were on a weeklong working visit to several factories in Malaysia, especially the ones supplying surgical gloves to the Swedish health sector. Due to some recent allegations concerning migrant workers' rights, labor rights and recruitment fees, they contacted TI-Malaysia to get our views on some of the issues concerning the above.

They were very curious and eager to learn about the work of TI-Malaysia especially our programs and projects with regards to integrity and transparency in the private sector. We also discussed common challenges and opportunities in both Malaysia and Sweden, and hope to work together soon.

TI-MALAYSIA AND NATIONAL MIRROR COMMITTEE ESTABLISHING HANDBOOK FOR ANTI BRIBERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TI-Malaysia was invited to attend the briefing by Malaysian Standards Department, the policy making body for establishing the handbook for standards on ISO 37001:2016. Exco members were also encouraged to become members of the 5 working groups which are:

- WG1- Guidance for Governance of Organizations (ISO 37000)
- WG2- Anti Bribery Management System (ISO 37001)
- WG3-Whistleblowing Management Systems (ISO 37002)
- WG4-Compliance Management System (ISO 37301)
- WG5- Anti-Fraud

Dr Muhammad Mohan represented TI-Malaysia.



VISIT FROM MR ELANKOVAN, CHAIR OF TI-SRI LANKA OPEN SPACE FOR ADVANCEMENT



We have had the pleasure of having Mr S.C.C Elankovan, the Chair of TI Sri Lanka for a visit to the office on 24 June 2019. Mr Elankovan was on his way to Port Dickson for the Asia Pacific Regional Meeting and dropped by TI-Malaysia's office for an exchange session of activities and programs that we have been doing so far.

TI- Sri Lanka has 28 staff altogether and is very active in fundraising, RTI (Right to Information) and OGP (Open Government Partnership) projects.

Thank you to Mr. Elankovan !

TOP GLOVE FIELD TRIP VISIT TO TNB AND DIGI BUSINESS INTEGRITY PROGRAM

TI-M assisted Top Glove in improving their anti-corruption mechanism under the Business Integrity Programme. This program aimed to strengthen the skills and competencies of Top Glove in terms of managing and executing the whistleblowing mechanisms, to elevate the awareness and confidence level on existing whistleblowing framework by understanding the assurance and protection to whistleblowers as well as to generate ideas to refine the existing whistleblowing policy and procedures in accordance to best practices of other organization.

The first field visit was organized on 13 June to Integrity Department of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) at Crystal Plaza, Petaling Jaya. We were welcomed by Ms. Haripriya and rest of the team. She shared their experiences in implementing TNB's Corporate Integrity Management System (TCIMS) based on the ISO 37001:2016.

On 28 June, the second field trip was held to Digi's office in Subang Hi-Tech Industrial Park. Ms. Gowri and Ms. Ani from the Compliance Unit explained on Digi's Ethics and Integrity Framework.

We would like to thank TNB and Digi for having us at their office!



Top Glove and TNB's Integrity Department staff during the field trip



Group photo with Mr Haakon Bruaset Kjoel, Digi's CEO and Digi's Compliance Department staff

GIAT COALITION MEETING

THE LAUNCH OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AGENDA

A strategy meeting was held on 3rd June 2019 between the Good Governance, Integrity, Accountability and Transparency (GIAT) coalition members at JW Marriott, Kuala Lumpur. The coalition consisted of Transparency-International Malaysia (TI-M), Centre to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4), Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), Citizens Network for a Better Malaysia (CNBM), Friends of Kota Damansara and Sinar Project.

The meeting's agenda was to discuss on the future direction of the coalition, the priority focus of upcoming programs, social media engagement strategies, and the empowerment of members under the collective power of GIAT and to maintain the independence and professionalism of each organization. GIAT will serve as a credible and responsible coalition in working on issues related to improve the framework of governance in Malaysia at the local, state and federal level.



CALLING FOR TRAINERS!

We are collecting data on relevant speakers for training programs organized by TI-Malaysia, and would like to invite all members to send in your profiles consisting of:



1. Subject matter expertise
2. Background
3. Training track record and relevant supporting documents

Kindly email all the relevant documents to the Secretary General, Mr Raymon Ram at raymon@transparency.org.my.