

MALAYSIA'S COMMITMENT IF ENTRUSTED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR THE TERM, 2022-2025

- Malaysia (DOSM) presents its candidacy for the membership of the Governing Council
 of Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific for the term 2022-2025 as Malaysia is
 confident to be able to serve as a constructive member of the Council.
- 2. As the producer of official national statistics, the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) is the driving force towards data and statistics utilisation for data-driven decision making. This role is crucial in realising Malaysia's commitment to being a nation that develops sustainably in accordance with the goals of the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 for a fair, equitable and inclusive economic distribution, particularly when the country is currently in a rapid recovery period. DOSM has adopted a comprehensive national framework, the Department's Strategic Plan 2021–2025 and adheres to international recommended framework/manual/guideline to enhance the quality of the national statistical delivery system while remaining relevant, efficient and effective in order to assist governments in tracking progress, ensuring evidence-based decision-making and strengthening accountability.
- 3. The presence of Malaysia (DOSM) as a member of the GC is significant in demonstrating Malaysia's international commitments to statistical capacity building by facilitating the development, promotion & sharing of best statistical practices and knowledge across global, regional & national statistical communities in order to advance the global agenda. As a member of the GC, Malaysia has a broad platform for knowledge sharing and expertise for a sustainable and participatory process of statistical capacity development as well as further strengthening international cooperation through the Malaysia Statistics Training Institute (ILSM).
- 4. Malaysia (DOSM) is prepared to create, strengthen & modernise statistical standards and related capabilities if granted the opportunity to join the GC, as well as support SIAP in providing technical assistance and training, such as conducting training courses, developing curriculum and training materials, in tandem with SIAP's aspiration of providing high-quality training delivered by expert trainers using quality-certified materials. By strengthening human capacity building, as well as the exchange of perspectives and the latest technology connected to statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) and SIAP may share and expand abilities in capacity development, through training management cooperation in the field of official statistics, sharing facilities and collaboration with other related statistical bodies to coordinate the training-related programmes.

NATIONAL GOALS, VISION AND COMMITMENT AS A GC MEMBER

5. Malaysia (DOSM) is confident that the appointment as a GC member will provide an opportunity for DOSM to continue:

- i. Improving the quality and diversity of services, agile and flexible human capital, efficient resource management and the ability to be part of the Center of Excellence on the global stage through ILSM. With the increasing demand for statistical systems in the region and considering many countries' inability to meet this demand due to a lack of technical capacity of the personnel in the system, Malaysia, with all of its expertise, is eager to support SIAP in providing strong, effective and dynamic assistance and leadership in statistical training in the region;
- ii. Strongly support SIAP in attaining the objectives and expectations outlined in the SIAP Strategic Plan, 2021-2025, particularly in changing the nature, content, focus and effectiveness of statistical training in the region for better statistical systems that provide data for informed policy and decision making;
- iii. Strengthen its collaboration with the international statistical community through SIAP in exploring changes and improvements in methodologies, analysis, compilation and communication of statistics in various fields to truly succeed in this dynamic global environment. These efforts also align with DOSM's goal of elevating Malaysia's status as a leader in statistical systems globally;
- iv. Assist the SIAP to create mutual learning opportunities and diversify the training modalities for knowledge exchange across different groups of statisticians that allow for open exchanges of ideas and findings around the world as well as establish a community of practice conducive to ongoing capacity development in the National Statistical System;
- v. Through GC membership, Malaysia's (DOSM) aspiration to produce a Subject Matter Expert can be highlighted globally and become a reference by countries in the region. Next to produce competent, skilled and trained instructors in the delivery of statistical knowledge, especially with regard to new technologies, new technical skills and access to new data sources; and
- vi. In addition, this membership will be a platform for Malaysia to have a global network with other Institutions for Statistical Training, working together to build sustainable statistical capacities through efficient, effective and harmonised delivery of training and to be the host for international courses that benefits the country.

CONCLUSION

6. The nomination of Malaysia (DOSM) as a member of the GC will strengthen DOSM's skills and ensure that Malaysia is on par with other countries in terms of sharing expertise and capacities to benefit the global community, particularly in statistics management through ILSM. It is hoped that member countries in the Asia-Pacific region will support Malaysia's desire to join the Governing Council in 2022-2025, allowing Malaysia to contribute more to global human capital development and ensuring that No One is Left Behind.