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Soft-Launch of the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum in conjunction with National Physical Council Meeting

1. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will be the host city for the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) in the year 2018. Kuala Lumpur is the second city in Asia that will become the World Urban Forum host city after Nanjing, China in the year 2008.
2. WUF9 will be happening on the 7th to 13th February 2018 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC). The theme with the hosting of WUF9 is related to the Implementing the New Urban Agenda.
3. The nation's readiness to become the host city to WUF9 will reflect Malaysia's commitments to the world in the urban development aspect which is sustainable and livable. It is also in-line with the nation's aspiration in implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Conference of the Parties 21 (COP21) – Paris Agreement and the latest is the adoption of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) that has been agreed upon during the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III) in Quito, Ecuador on the 20th October 2016.
4. WUF9 will be the first forum that is conducted after Habitat III last year, which is a globally legal conference that is hosted every 20 years to study and determine the urban agenda and to open up roads of opportunities for UN-Habitat towards a better urban future.
5. WUF9 in Kuala Lumpur will be the first platform to debate on the implementation and achievement of NUA after its adoption in Habitat III and the first to focus on its implementation. All memberstates who participated are required to carry out the reporting on the NUA implementation in their respective countries during WUF9.

6. The hosting of the WUF9 is expected to attract about 25,000 participants. The indirect financial returns to the country is big through the arrival of the international participants and to spur the hotelier and transportation industry and therefore to increase the nation's tourism industry.
7. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Haji Tun Abdul Razak has made an announcement that Malaysia is getting ready and giving the highest commitments to ensure WUF9 a success, on Wednesday, 26th April 2017 during the Soft-Launch, Hosting of the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum before he chair the National Physical Council Meeting in the Prime Minister's Office, Putrajaya.
8. In his statement, he also urge the public and stakeholders in the urbanization industry to participate in the hosting of WUF9, considering that the participation is free. The registration will start to open approximately July this year. He also explained that there are lots of benefits and other best practices from other countries that can be learn by the public and all parties in the quest for Malaysia to develop the urban areas towards realizing the New Urban Agenda in the year 2036.
9. He also urge that the corporate sector to together support the WUF9 hosting as a participant and to welcome them as sponsors through the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative and can communicate directly with the Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government as the focal point in the hosting of WUF9.

Background of WUF

WUF is a technical non-legislative forum convened by the UN-Habitat, in different cities every 2 years. This forum will be one of the main international events to exchange view and experience on the urbanization challenges.

The objectives and method for the implementation of WUF started during the first session of the forum which took place in Nairobi, Kenya from 29th April to 3rd May 2002. The second session took place in Barcelona, Spain from the 13th to 17th September 2004, the third in Vancouver , Canada from 19th to 23rd June 2006 and the fourth session in Nanjing, China from 3rd to 6th November 2008. The fifth session was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from the 22nd to 26th March 2010, the sixth session in Naples, Italy from 1st to 7th September 2012 and the seventh session was held in Medellin, Colombia from 5th to 11th April 2014.

There were significant increase in the number of participation from the past WUF sessions, whereby approximately 22,000 participants from across the world has participated in the last WUF7 in Medellin, Colombia.

This forum gathers various expertise from all over the urbanization sector. Participants included the non-governmental organisation, community-based organisation, professionals, research institutions, academicians, private sector, financial development institute, media and other international bodies at the international, national, regional and local government level.

The purpose of the World Urban Forum :

- Support and increase the awareness in regard with the sustainable urban development
- Collective knowledge towards sustainable urban development through open debates, exchange of experience and best practices.
- Advance coordination and cooperation between different areas leading towards the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

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