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APEC peer review on Public Consultation initiatives towards enhancing Good Regulatory Practices

17 July 2018, Kuala Lumpur . In line with the nation's productivity enhancement initiatives, Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) supported by Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation has organised a Workshop on APEC Peer Review on Public Consultation Initiatives.

The workshop served as an important milestone for APEC economies to discuss and explore the way forward on governance, strategies and techniques in implementing effective and efficient public consultation. The two-days workshop attended by 120 participants from APEC economies, international and local speakers, government officials as well as business community.

In April 2018, Malaysia circulated the APEC Survey on Public Consultation Initiatives to all APEC economies. The survey was intended to capture the APEC public consultations practices which will be compiled in the form of *compendium*. In the process, 12 economies have contributed to this work. They were Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Mexico, New Zealand, the Philippines, Russia, the United States of America, Viet Nam and Malaysia. The results gathered from the responses received through the surveys will be shared during this workshop.

Public consultation is a core element in the development and implementation of good regulations. It enables the authorities to engage stakeholders, interested parties and the general public in policy decisions, thus reflecting the Government's commitment to transparency and accountability.

MPC has also developed The Guideline on Public Consultation Procedure as a reference for Ministries and Agencies in implementing public consultations. The guideline defines the roles of the stakeholders involved in the consultation process

and also provides the public with better understanding of the process involved in developing regulations that will affect them.

About the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)

Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) is a statutory body under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). MPC promotes productivity, quality and competitiveness to the industries and organisations in Malaysia. MPC's vision is to be the leading organisation in productivity enhancement for global competitiveness and innovation.

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