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MALAYSIAN BUSINESS CONSORTIUM ON HIV & AIDS (MBCH) FORUM 2017

Kuala Lumpur, 13 October – YB Dato' Sri (Dr) Richard Riot anak Jaem, Minister of Human Resources has launched the Malaysian Business Consortium on HIV & AIDS (MBCH) Forum 2017 at Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. It was organized by the Malaysia AIDS Foundation (MAF) in collaboration with the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), Ministry of Human Resources.

The main objective of the forum is to share and promote a safe and healthy work culture as well as to introduce the employer's framework and responsibility of HIV and AIDS management at work.

Malaysia has recorded a total of 111,916 notified HIV infections; 18,827 of which resulted in AIDS-related deaths. This situation has led to a significant improvement in the quality of life of people living with HIV, although people living with HIV – particularly workers and employees in the business sector – continue to be affected by attitudes, practices, and policies that stigmatise and discriminate against them.

Therefore, the Ministry of Human Resources, through the role played by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), has developed and launched the Code of Practices Prevention and Management of HIV and AIDS in the Workplace in 2001. This Code of Practice, applicable to all employers and employees in which -the workplace in Malaysia, outlines effective ways to prevent and manage HIV and AIDS at work, promote education and awareness about HIV / AIDS, and support the creation of non-judicial, non-discriminatory working environments.

The forum was also attended by the Deputy Secretary-General (Policy & International) of the Ministry of Human Resources, YBrs En. Amir bin Omar; Director-General of Department Occupational Safety and Health, YBhg Dato' Ir. Mohtar bin Musri; ASEAN-BCA Coordinator, Mr. Bakhtiar Talhah; and the ASEAN-BCA Delegation.

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