



MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES

MEDIA STATEMENT

WORKING VISIT OF HONOURABLE DATO' SRI RICHARD RIOT ANAK JAEM, MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE ATTENDING THE XXI WORLD CONGRESS ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK, 3 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2017

Putrajaya, 3 September - The Minister of Human Resources of Malaysia, Honourable Dato' Sri Richard Riot Jaem will lead Malaysia's delegation to the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, which will be held in Marina Bay Sands, Singapore from 3 to 6 September 2017. Senior officials from the Ministry of Human Resources will accompany him. This visit is a personal invitation from his counterpart from Singapore, His Excellency Lim Swee Say to attend the said congress.

The Occupational Safety and Health Division, Ministry of Manpower, Singapore, as the national host, in conjunction with the International Labour Organization and the International Social Security Association, are organizing the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work 2017 in Singapore. The said congress is hosted for the first time in South-east Asia. The World Congress on Safety and Health was started in 1996 in Madrid, Spain. The said congress is a platform for Malaysia to engage and emphasizes on workplace safety that brings positive impact on working conditions, productivity, economic and social development.

Singapore is also the present Chair of ASEAN-Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN OSHNET). It is expected for the first time all the ASEAN Labour Ministers will gather in this congress and issue an ASEAN Labour Ministers' Joint Statement perpetuating a national preventative safety and health culture, improving their national safe-workplace performance systematically, and providing a health standard with appropriate enforcement to protect workers.

The World Congress on Safety and Health at Work opens its doors every three years. Each time, a different country is the host. It offers a platform for the exchange of information and views from government ministers, corporate leaders, experts in occupational safety and health and employer and worker representatives. The Congress is expected to draw over 4,000 participants from 100 countries.

The present motto of XXI World Congress is “A Global Vision of Prevention” and the congress will cover three important topics such as: Vision Zero – From vision to reality, Healthy work – Healthy Life and People-centred prevention. Vision Zero aims to inculcate a mindset that all injuries and ill health arising from work are preventable. Healthy work – Healthy Life is an integrated approach is one where employees and employers work together continuously to sustain, protect and promote each other’s safety and health in the workplace. People-centred prevention is to build inclusive workplaces for OSH to thrive, components such as demographic changes, ageing, gender, culture and education. The congress is expected to adopt the ASEAN Labour Ministers’ Joint Statement on Improving Occupational Safety and Health for Sustainable Economic Growth.

During the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, Dato Sri Richard Riot Jaem will make intervention supporting ASEAN Labour Ministers’ Joint Statement on Improving Occupational Safety and Health for Sustainable Economic Growth. In addition, he will also be reflecting on Malaysia’s Occupational Safety and Health Master Plan 2016-2020, active role play by Malaysia in implementing the ASEAN-OSHNET Plan of Action 2016-2020 and ratification of Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No.187) on 7 June 2012. Meanwhile, he is also expected to hold few bilateral meetings with his counterparts to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest.

Following his participation at the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, Dato’ Sri Richard Riot Jaem will also be undertaking a visit to the Ministry for Manpower of the Republic of Singapore and Workforce Singapore. He will make a first official trip to the Ministry for Manpower and will be received by its Minister, H.E. Lee Swee Say. He will be briefed on the management of foreign workers.

Dato’ Sri Richard Riot Jaem will also make a visit to Workforce Singapore which encourages continuous training frameworks across diverse industries and jobs matching. The visit to Singapore will improve bilateral ties and enhance our strategic cooperation in labour sector.

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