



## MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

### Malaysia Re-elected to the Council of IMO

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London, 1 December 2017 – Following the Category C elections held during the 30th Regular Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) General Assembly today, I am delighted to announce that Malaysia has once again been re-elected to the Council of IMO for the 2018-2019 term. This marks our seventh consecutive term since our first election to the Council in 2006.

During the elections, Malaysia was honoured to receive 131 votes cast by eligible voting member states from 24 countries competing in Category C. Indeed, we are truly heartened by this recognition by IMO for our contributions to this global body.

I led the Malaysian delegation accompanied by Datuk Seri Hj Saripuddin bin Hj Kasim, Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport as well as other senior officials from the Ministry of Transport and our relevant agencies.

Malaysia's success to retain the seat during the election was indeed a recognition from IMO member states of our contribution and it signifies Malaysia's importance not only in the IMO but in the international maritime sector. This success is as a result of the strong cooperation and undivided support from the relevant agencies under the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in ensuring Malaysia retains its position as an IMO Council Member.

A specialized agency of the United Nations, IMO is the global standard setting authority for the safety, security and environmental sustainability of international shipping. Its main role is to create a regulatory framework for the shipping industry that is fair and effective, universally adopted and universally implemented. The IMO General Assembly is held every two years and the election of IMO Council Members was also held during the assembly.

Malaysia's success in maintaining the seat of the IMO Council will certainly provide confidence to foreign investors on the country's maritime sector and thus, invest in the country's growing shipping and port industry.

As a member of the IMO Council, Malaysia emphasizes the importance of human capital development among developing countries to ensure that all IMO member states can implement their obligations and apply the adopted IMO conventions.

Previously, Malaysia has implemented several human capital development programs for Africa, Latin America and small island nations. Malaysia has also contributed financially to World Maritime University, Sweden and the International Maritime Law Institute, Malta to increase the facilities and equipment of the training institution.

Malaysia looks forward to continue supporting and participating in IMO's various initiatives in the years to come.