

MEDIA STATEMENT

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LAUNCH AND SEMINAR OF ENERGY COMMISSION'S CODE AND GUIDELINE

Putrajaya, 24 August – The Energy Commission (ST) today launched a newly published Code and Guideline, the Non-Domestic Electrical Installation Safety Code and the Guideline for the Design, Installation, Inspection, Testing, Operation & Maintenance of Water Heater Systems.

With the objective of creating awareness among industry players and stakeholders on the new publications, a seminar was also held in conjunction with the launch of the publications.

Two (2) papers were presented during the seminar - "Overview of Non-Domestic Electrical Installation Safety Code" by Iffah Hannah binti Muluk, Head of Electrical Safety Development Unit, ST and "Introduction to Guideline for the Design, Installation, Inspection, Testing, Operation & Maintenance of Water Heater Systems" by Tee Tone Vei, Member of Technical Committee 5 & Chairman of Working Group 2.

During the event, Mohd Elmi bin Anas, ST's Director of Electrical Safety Regulation Department said ST investigated a total of 899 cases of electrical accidents for the past 15 years of which 448 cases were identified as fatal. For this year, 34 cases of electrical accidents were reported, and if this figure is annualised, the total accident for this year is predicted at 58 cases. This indicates an increasing trend of 7.4% compared to last year.

As to water heater – related accidents, there were eight cases of electrocution which lead to seven deaths and six injuries, while two cases of explosion which did not result in any fatality.

Therefore, measures have been taken to increase awareness among the public and electrical installation owners, including the development of the Code and Guideline.

The event was attended by participants from non-domestic consumers, licensees for retail, licensees of private installations, owners of commercial premises, hotels, associations of electrical contractors, professional bodies, manufacturers, importers and accredited institutions from all over Peninsular Malaysia.

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ABOUT THE ENERGY COMMISSION

The Energy Commission (Suruhanjaya Tenaga - ST) is a statutory body responsible for regulating the energy sector, particularly the electricity and piped gas supply industries in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah. The Energy Commission ensures that the provision of electricity and piped gas to consumers is secure, reliable, safe and reasonably priced.