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## **ST Hosts Meeting of ASEAN Regulatory Authorities for Electrical and Electronic Equipment Sectoral Committee**

**Sandakan, 14 November** – As the regulatory body for energy sector in Malaysia, the Energy Commission (ST) is hosting the 26th Meeting of Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSC EEE) and its related events, here in Sandakan, Sabah from 13 to 16 November 2018.

The committee consists of ASEAN Member States' Regulatory Authorities, responsible to accomplish the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ASEAN EEE MRA) which was signed in 2002 and the ASEAN Harmonized Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulatory Regime (AHEEERR) which was signed in November 2005. Held twice a year, the first meeting this year was organised in April at Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Officiated by the Director General of Standards Malaysia, Datuk Fadilah Baharin, the meeting was attended by 50 participants from ASEAN countries including Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. It was also participated by representatives from ASEAN Secretariat and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

In her opening remark, Datuk Fadilah Baharin highlighted the need to find innovative ways to actively promote and protect the safety of the consumers involving electrical and electronic equipment especially with the technological advancement and the borderless world today.

“Technology has paved the way for more electrical and electronic equipment to be in the market, and the internet of things has made them easier to reach the consumers. Hence, we need to make it easier for the laboratory-proven safe products to be available in the market, rather than the unproven ones,” she said.

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As of today, there are 22 testing laboratories and 10 certification bodies across the region which have been listed under the ASEAN EE MRA, including one testing laboratory and one certification body from Malaysia. Discussion towards the implementation of the agreement are still in progress and will be finalised in the near future.

The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting also witnessed the handover of the JSC EEE chairmanship from Malaysia, represented by Mohd Elmi Anas, the Energy Commission's Director of Safety Regulatory to representative from Philippines.

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