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MENARA KUALA LUMPUR SDN BHD SIGNS 10 YEAR CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA FOR THE OPERATION, MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MENARA KUALA LUMPUR

Menara Kuala Lumpur Sdn. Bhd. (MKLSB), a subsidiary of Telekom Malaysia Berhad (TM) today signed a 10-year Concession Agreement with the Government of Malaysia for the operation, management and maintenance of Menara Kuala Lumpur (MKL) and the MKL land which comprises 5 lots of Federal lands held by the Federal Land Commissioner.

Under the Concession Agreement, MKLSB will be responsible to, amongst others, operate, manage and maintain the MKL and MKL land and to ensure that MKL and the land is kept in good condition in accordance with acceptable prevailing building maintenance practices.

During the signing ceremony, the Government was represented by Dato' Sri Kamaruddin Siaraf, Secretary General, Ministry of Information, Communications and Culture, whilst MKLSB was represented by Zuraidah Mohd Said, its Chief Executive Officer.

The ceremony was witnessed by Y.B. Dato' Seri Utama Dr. Rais Yatim, Minister of Information, Communications and Culture. Also present during the ceremony was Datuk Dr. Halim Shafie, Chairman of TM, Tan Sri Dato' Ir. Md Radzi Mansor, Chairman of MKLSB and Dato' Sri Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa, Group Chief Executive Officer of TM.

"We are extremely delighted to be awarded the concession to continue managing and operating the Tower. This signing of the Concession Agreement is a testament of the Government's trust towards MKLSB's capability to take up this responsibility. Throughout the 15 years period, MKLSB has proven its capabilities in operating the Tower through creative and innovative solutions in tandem with the Government's visions for the tourism sector," said Tan Sri Dato' Ir. Md. Radzi Mansor.

Under the Concession Agreement, MKLSB is responsible to manage and operate the Tower in accordance with the approved standard of telecommunication and broadcasting tower, as well as a tourism and hospitality centre.

MKLSB was awarded with the concession by the Government based on the outstanding record in the tower operation creatively and innovatively in line with the Government's vision for the past 15 years based on the previous Concession Agreement dated 3 September 1991. This project is the first privatization project of the Government of Malaysia using the concept of build, operate and transfer (BOT) in 1994.



“The credibility of MKLSB can also be seen through the international awards received from the World Federation of Great Towers to the Tower, which include the Excellence Award in the Environment Category in 2008 and Excellence Award in Staffing category,” enthused Tan Sri Radzi.

“Perhaps not many of us know that Menara KL was built on an initial site of a telecommunications tower. To replace it, we have built a picturesque tower to support the increasing telecommunications need of the nation. Hence, we can see that Menara Kuala Lumpur is actually more than a tower; it is a symbol of culture, past history as well as advancement and development that has been achieved by the city and the country. Since its establishment 15 years ago, Menara KL stands tall as an icon of the metropolitan Kuala Lumpur, which its citizens and Malaysia in general, can be proud of,” Tan Sri Radzi further elaborated.

Built to improve the quality of telecommunication and broadcasting transmission, the construction of MKL began on 4 October 1991 and was completed in May 1996. The tower was opened to the public on 23 July 1996 and was officially launched on 1 October 1996 by Y.A.Bhg. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the then Prime Minister of Malaysia.

MKL also serves as Radio Television Malaysia’s (RTM) television and FM-radio broadcasting station. It also enables efficient tracking services for the Marine, Meteorological and Traffic Control departments. In addition, the tower is also one of Malaysia’s official sites to observe crescent moon to determine the start of Ramadhan or the Muslim’s fasting month. It acts as one of Malaysia’s Islamic falak observatory.

MKL, currently the fifth tallest telecommunication and broadcasting tower in the world and the tallest tower amongst the OIC countries, is located atop Bukit Nanas at a breathtaking height of 421 meters surrounded by the 9.37 hectares Bukit Nanas Forest Reserve located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur City. MKL is also a member of the The World Federation of Great Towers, a federation comprises of 32 most recognized towers in the world. It has thus far attracted 12 million tourists since its opening.

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