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**Malaysia has been elected as the Chair of the Governing Council of the
Statistical Institute of Asia and the Pacific (GC SIAP) for the
Eighteenth Session in 2022**

PUTRAJAYA, DECEMBER 12, 2022 – Malaysia is honoured to be elected as a Chair of the 18th Session of the Governing Council (GC) of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) held in Chiba, Japan from 12th – 13th December 2022. Malaysia through the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is represented by Chief Statistician, YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin and Mr. Zuraidy Zainal Abidin, Director of Malaysia Statistics Training Institute (ILSM).

After ten (10) years joined as an observer, Malaysia was elected to the GC SIAP as a member for the term 2022-2024 during the Seventy-Eighth Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on 24th May 2022 in Bangkok. Malaysia received overwhelming votes from member countries of Asia and the Pacific.

SIAP is a professional statistical training center in Chiba, Japan that has been operating since 1970 and was granted ESCAP regional institution status with the formation of the GC in 1995. The Council is made up of a representative from the Japanese government and eight representatives elected by other members and associate members of ESCAP. Aside from the host country (Japan), the current elected members of the Council are **Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam**. It has aided developing countries in their human resource development by training officials in the Asia-Pacific region and other parts of the world. The Council's goal is to review the Institute's operations and approve its annual and long-term work plans.

The 18th session will discuss matters regarding the provision of training according to the needs of different member states, including matters arising from the Seventeenth Session of the Governing Council; new challenges related to training; the Director's report on his achievements in 2022; and the proposed work plan for 2023.

In his Chairmanship Statement, Dr. Uzir stated, "I sincerely hope that we can create a welcoming environment as well as provide the leadership and experience required to continue the important work of this council over the next three years. Malaysia will continue to work with the entire team of the Asia and Pacific statistical community to expand statistical capacity-building programmes and activities to assist Member States in improving the quality and availability of statistics, particularly in implementing and monitoring the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and addressing emerging issues. We strongly support SIAP's efforts to meet the objectives and expectations outlined in the SIAP Strategic Plan, 2021-2025 to improve statistical systems that provide information for decision-making".

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