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### Effective Good Governance via ePerolehan helps Malaysia Improve Its CPI Ranking

**KUALA LUMPUR, 25 JANUARY 2020:** Commerce Dot Com Sdn Bhd (CDC) applauds the Government for Malaysia's improved performance in the 2019 Corruption Perception Index (CPI). The Government of the day has been persistent in its measures to combat corruption and their efforts have proven to be fruitful with Malaysia's significant improvement in the 2019 CPI ranking. This is especially true with the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) 2019-2023 in January last year, where increased efficiency and transparency in public procurement is among the 6 priority areas.

Among the measures by the Government to increase and strengthen procurement governance can be seen through the widespread usage of ePerolehan, the official Government electronic procurement system for acquiring goods and services. Last year saw procurements conducted via ePerolehan have grown tremendously to over 2 million transactions valued at RM20 billion. This was the highest record since the inception of the system in the year 2000.

The ePerolehan system incorporating the latest procurement policies enforced by the Ministry of Finance Malaysia has streamlined the adoption of high internal control mechanism in Government procurement processes and procedures across all Government Ministries and Agencies nationwide. This has paved the way for transparent, accountable, and efficient delivery of procurement activities across the board which also decreased bribery-related cases.

To date, ePerolehan is serving a total of 3,753 Government procurement departments and agencies and over 180,000 registered Government suppliers nationwide. Over the past 2 decades, ePerolehan has received many accolades for being one of the most comprehensive electronic procurement systems implemented in the Federal Government on a nationwide scale. It has proven itself as a successful role model among the 7 MSC eGovernment Flagship applications. As a company entrusted to develop and operate ePerolehan, CDC remains ready to contribute towards the Government's efforts to further improve the entire ecosystem and the needs of the business community.

Transparency International revealed on Thursday (23 January) that Malaysia is now ranked 51 out of 180 countries, 10 spots up compared to the previous year. Malaysia also recorded higher scores in the global corruption index with 53 points compared to 47 points in the 2018 index. The annual corruption index looks at the perceived levels of public sector corruption in 180 countries.

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