



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Emergency crews to train in bomb threat mock drill at PICC**

Bomb threats or suspicious items should always be taken seriously. Thus, it is very important that the people most likely to receive bomb threats be trained to handle such incidents as proficiently as possible. With that in mind, Convention and Exhibition (Putrajaya) Sdn Bhd (Co-X) in-cooperation with local police, firefighter and medical officers conduct its first full-scale mock drill for bomb threat at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) building since its debut in 2003. The drill was held on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Also, the program is held to train the alertness of Co-X's Emergency Response Team (ERT) in the event of a bomb threat as well as to analyse whether the response was in line with the emergency procedure of the convention centre.

According to Co-X's Chief Operation Officer Tuan Syamsani Tuan Mansor, "This mock drill had become imperative for all sensitive installations to evolve and implement effective contingency plans to manage scenarios arising out of bomb threats or explosions especially in managing MICE centre." He also act as the Crisis Management Commander (CMC) for the drill.

The simulated exercise commenced with a mock bomb threat made via telephone to PICC's general line, who then alerted the local police and firefighter department via the emergency call centre. The PICC's own Emergency Respond Team (ERT) then proceeded with a thorough search to assure all visitors and staffs were evacuated to the assembly points outside the centre.

Officers from the Putrajaya police station, firefighter department and medical officers from Hospital Putrajaya were on the scene within minutes as well as the officers from Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS). Our security officers together with traffic officers were also there to manage the flow of vehicles onto access roads around the convention centre.

After the thorough search, the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) and Search & Rescue team managed to find the suspicious well-packed parcel at the lobby of Level G. Then, the BDDS officers wearing bomb suits to diffuse the dummy bomb in the aforementioned place using the anti-explosive robot.

The bomb threat mock drill took place from 9.30am to 10.30am, no one was injured in the process and the business resumed as normal thereafter. This has shown this company takes the safety of its staffs and visitors seriously.

ASP Zulizzi from BDDS commented that, "PICC's staffs and management has completed this mock drill with flying colours, as all individuals and agencies have given good co-operation and quick reaction after receiving bomb threat from an unknown guy".

### **About Convention and Exhibition (Putrajaya) Sdn Bhd (Co-X)**

Convention and Exhibition (Putrajaya) Sdn Bhd (Co-X) or formerly known as Putrajaya International Convention Centre Sdn Bhd (PICCSB) was established in August 2013. Co-X is a subsidiary of Putrajaya Leisures & Services Group Sdn Bhd (PULSE Group) which wholly owned by Perbadanan Putrajaya.

There are three major components of Co-X businesses; managing Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) on Convention Services, operating Putrajaya Catering Services on Catering Services and as the owner of Putrajaya Shangri-La hotel on Hospitality Services.

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