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**BCCK TAKES ON THE ‘NEW NORMAL’**

Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK) has begun the complex task of reopening as an event venue, with the centre adopting new and improved standard practices, as well as participating in various campaigns to ensure safe meetings while also getting a head start in the ‘new normal’ in the global and local business events industry.

The Centre has begun integrating new health and safety measures into BCCK’s present best practices, in addition to its current implementation of ISO-22000 (food safety management systems) and ISO-9001 (quality management systems).

Now more than ever, **Size Matters** when it comes to venues, to safeguard clients against the possible risk of infection. As the largest venue in Sarawak, BCCK has spacious halls and wide walkways that are well equipped to hold larger events while maintaining social distance between individual event-goers.

At BCCK, events, public areas and the restaurant are now under strict social distancing rules, while increased sanitisation of public areas and surfaces will be taking place. Health screenings and the comings and goings of visitors will be monitored, as mandated by the government for the safety of visitors and efficient tracking.

The Centre’s comprehensive health and safety frameworks will be constantly reviewed and updated according to the latest information and protocol provided by the Malaysian Ministry of Health, taking into account best practices from around the world, as guidelines for organising business events and meetings in the new norm are being developed.

The Centre has also partnered with the Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB) for the ‘Lets Meet tomorrow’ and ‘Let’s Meet Locally’ campaigns, aimed at stimulating the
domestic Business Events industry and to encourage new domestic events in Malaysia
designed to appeal to local and regional audiences.

BCCK will also be working closely with the Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) and local
business event industry members to spearhead local homegrown events focused on
revitalising the industry on a state level.

“As a whole, on both a national and state scale, I believe the authorities have been doing a
phenomenal job at stemming the onslaught of Covid-19. As the country starts to reopen, it is
our responsibility as a venue to ensure that we continue to minimise the health risks for our
clients while also providing them an avenue to bring people together, safely and comfortably,”
stated the Executive Director of BCCK, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Wilson Baya Dandot.

“We are confident in BCCK’s safety measures and their effectiveness in keeping our clients
safe, and we are confident that as a venue, with the aid of partners such as MyCEB and SCB,
we will be able to take on the new terrain that is the global Business Events industry post-
pandemic,” said Chief Executive Officer of BCCK, Eric Van Piggelen.

For the past 10 years, BCCK has always been instrumental in being the catalyst for
development and expansion in the Business Events industry in Sarawak. With these measures
in place, we look forward to reviving the stalled Business Events industry and contributing
once more to Sarawak’s economy.

Aerial view of the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching
Note to Editors

ABOUT BORNEO CONVENTION CENTRE KUCHING

The Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK) is the first international purpose-built convention centre in Sarawak, Malaysia. The BCCK debuted in 2009, as a state initiative of the Sarawak Government to grow business tourism through the hosting of business events. To date, the BCCK has hosted close to 1,800 events and welcomed 2.4 million clients, delegates and visitors from various regions of the world. From its humble beginning, the BCCK is an exemplar in Malaysia of how a convention venue can rise to become an ambassador to promote its second-tier city. The Centre has received local, national and regional accolades for professional standards, innovation and best practices achieved within Malaysia’s business events industry, and for having the size and capabilities to handle the requirements of different conferences in a bespoke manner.

Awards Received

- AIPC – Gold Quality Standard
- AIPC- APEX Award “Best Client Rated Convention Centre” – Within the top 17 finalists in the world Convention Centres.

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