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KUALA LUMPUR HOST FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS (MOST) PROGRAMME IN 2017

Kuala Lumpur will be hosting the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Ministerial Forum for Asia and Pacific Region in 2017. It was announced during Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) MOST Programme chaired by YB Dato' Sri Rohani Abdul Karim, the Minister for Women, Family and Community Development, in UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.

The two days meeting finalized the MOST draft strategy for submission to the Executive Board of UNESCO at its 199th session on 4-15 April 2016.

In her opening statement, YB Dato' Sri Rohani explained that "January 2016 marked the transition from MDGs to the broader and more holistic Agenda 2030. MOST as an intergovernmental programme namely designed to focus on finding solutions and managing social transformations, has a pivotal role to play and will continue to support member states in the implementation of Agenda 2030".

“MOST should discuss on how to enhance MOST Programme through documentation of the best practices that can be shared by all MOST member states. Hence, MOST publication needs to be activated more aggressively”, she added.

Taking over from Dr. Alicia Kirchner, Minister of Social Development Argentina, Dato’ Sri Rohani did Malaysia proud on 14 November as the first Malaysian to be elected as the President of UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Council of The Management of Social Transformation Programme (MOST IGC). During her opening speech, she took the opportunity to thank Alicia for her excellent works, in which she made a *great* progress for MOST as well as to outgoing Bureau of MOST.

MOST, which was launched in 1994, is the only UNESCO programme that fosters and promotes social science research to be used by policy-makers globally. Among other MOST country members attended the meeting were Turkey, Slovakia, Thailand, Argentina, Egypt and Cameroon.

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