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5th Iclif Leadership Energy Summit Asia addressing leadership challenges in the 21st century

- The 5th Leadership Energy Summit Asia (LESA) will take place in Kuala Lumpur on 8 -9 November
- Over 500 leaders from the business, public sector and academic fraternity expected to attend
- Open Source Leadership to take centre stage at the conference

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 June 2017 – Asia’s foremost Leadership Energy conference is back. The 5th annual Leadership Energy Summit Asia (www.iclif.org/lesa) hosted by the Iclif Leadership and Governance Centre, gathers top industry specialists, subject matter experts and game changers to help today’s leaders face the challenges of the increasingly fast-paced and uber-connected 21st Century.

To this effect, the theme of the 2017 event, Open Source Leadership, will seek to explore and expand on what it takes to be a transformative leader in the 21st century; how leaders must reinvent themselves to thrive in a connected, transparent and disruptive environment; and how technological empowerment has transformed companies into open-source organisations.

The answers to these questions lie in a deeper understanding of leadership – and leadership energy - that 2017 LESA aims to address.

“LESA is Asia’s foremost annual leadership conference that will bring together courageous leaders, high-profile business personalities, and cutting-edge entrepreneurs to confound conventional thinking and explore the real source of transformative leadership. We have secured an impressive panel of speakers and we look forward to the support of our partners, who will work with us to once again deliver an experience par excellence,” said Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Chairman of Iclif.

The 2017 LESA will be held at Sasana Kijang in Kuala Lumpur on 8 – 9 November. Participants of the Summit will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in understanding what Open Source Leadership is all about and learning from the world-renowned speakers that are headlining the summit, which include:

- **Dr Alvy Ray Smith** - Co-founder of Pixar,
- **Ben Ripple** - Founder of Big Tree Farms,
- **Chatri Sityodtong** - Founder and Chairman of ONE Championship,

- **Claire Lachance** - CEO of Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS)
- **Rajeev Peshawaria**, CEO & Executive Director of Iclif, and author of Open Source Leadership (McGraw-Hill)
- **Terry Jones** - Founder of kayak.com
- **V R Ferose** - Head of Globalization Services at SAP, and,

Rajeev Peshawaria, CEO of Iclif, said that the speakers were selected in line with the theme but also to ensure that the sessions seamlessly integrate content that covers a global perspective, as well as offer Asian insights to participants.

"We must consider the uber-connected environment of today as well as the increasing number of sophisticated young talent that do not think, act, perceive, strategise or make decisions like their parents did; where business-as-usual is a thing of the past. Iclif strongly believes that true leadership energy creates transformative change for business and society. The \$80 billion annual spend on the leadership development industry must upgrade its offerings to remain relevant," Rajeev said.

The Summit has also been the platform to announce the recipients of the Iclif Leadership Energy Awards (ILEA). ILEA, currently in its 3rd instalment, recognises leaders in the region who use their strong conviction in a set of deeply held values and a clear sense of purpose to overcome insurmountable obstacles, thus creating a better future for their community or organisation.

In line with its efforts to push the leadership agenda and take the awards to greater heights, this year, ILEA will benefit from the newly-formed ILEA Advisory Council made up of some of Asia's most prominent captains of industry. These highly distinguished individuals will play a critical role in nurturing recipients, called Leadership Energy Champions, while providing a balanced perspective and insights in identifying, evaluating and awarding outstanding individuals. The ILEA Advisory Panel comprises:

- Led by **Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz**, Chairman of Iclif
- **Raja Tan Sri Dato Seri Arshad Raja Tun Uda**, Chairman of Maxis Bhd and Director of Khazanah Nasional Berhad
- **Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood**, Under Secretary General, Partnerships International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- **Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa**, Chairman of UEM Sunrise Bhd
- **Dato' CM Vignaesvaran Jeyandran**, Chief Executive, HRDF
- **Callister Koh**, Head of Human Resources, HSBC Malaysia Berhad
- **Chin Suit Fang**, Senior Executive Director, PwC Malaysia
- **Christopher Tock**, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Empowering Youth Endeavours Projects

- **Eddie Ahmed**, Chairman, CEO & President MassMutual International
- **Malek Ali**, Founder & CEO of BFM Media and BFM Business School
- **Mohd Adhari Belal Din**, Assistant Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia
- **Nora Abd Manaf**, Group Chief Human Capital Officer, Maybank Group
- **Theresa Goh**, Managing Director, 360 Dynamics Pte Ltd
- **Yvonne Corpuz**, Global Chief Learning Officer, MUFG

Nominations for ILEA can be submitted online through the Iclif website (www.iclif.org/ilea) before 31 July 2017 in any of the three categories - Corporate Employee, Business Owner/ Founder and Social Enterprise Owner/Founder.

The 2017 LESA will see the return of HSBC Bank Malaysia as Platinum Sponsor. They are joined for the first time by Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), also as a Platinum Sponsor. Cagamas Berhad also returns as Associate Sponsor. More sponsors will be announced in the coming months.

Leadership Energy Summit Asia is 100% HRDF claimable

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We are an Asia-based international centre dedicated to executive education, research, coaching and consulting services in the areas of leadership development, organisational effectiveness and corporate governance.

Iclif was established and funded by The Central Bank of Malaysia in 2003. We are the only organisation in the region focusing on both leadership and corporate governance, providing highly practical, holistic and relevant leadership development and corporate governance in Malaysia and globally.

Our faculty consists of professionals from across the spectrum of industries bringing with them a wealth of knowledge and experience from elite academic institutions and Fortune 500 companies. While based mainly Asia, with an intimate perspective of what works in the region, their extensive experience provides them with an all-encompassing global perspective.

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