



DEPUTY MINISTERS VISIT MTC



KUALA LUMPUR (17 JUNE 2020): The Deputy Ministers of the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC), YB Dato' Sri Dr Wee Jeck Seng and YB Tuan Willie Anak Mongin visited the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) headquarters in Kuala Lumpur today.

On hand to welcome the Deputy Ministers were MTC Chairman Dato' Low Kian Chuan, MTC Acting CEO Mr Wong Kah Cane and MTC Chief Operations Officer Mr Roger Chin.

The Deputy Ministers, who wanted to know more about MTC's operations, were given a briefing by Wong and MTC's Division Directors and Heads of Departments.

Also present at the briefing were Mr. S Letchumanan, Senior Undersecretary of the Timber Tobacco & Kenaf Industries Development Division of MPIC and MTC's Board of Trustees,

including the newly appointed trustee Dato' Ahmad Nadzaruddin Abdul Razak.

The Deputy Ministers were given a tour of MTC's gallery which displays products made of Malaysian timbers which are sought-after overseas.

Dato' Low in his welcoming remarks said that as an organisation MTC wears many hats. He highlighted the Council's role which centres on four key thrusts – market intelligence, market development, stakeholder engagement as well as industry development and empowerment.

Dato's Low also mentioned how the Malaysian timber industry was granted special approval to operate during the Movement Control Order (MCO). He thanked MPIC for all its assistance and support which enabled the timber sector to operate during the MCO even though it was not part of the essential services sector.

Dato' Low also added that MTC was quick to put in place transformation plans during the MCO period which were digital-centric with its staff working remotely to help industry partners and stakeholders.

Dato' Sri Dr Wee said he hoped MTC would consider setting up a one-stop centre for B2B that would also showcase Malaysian timber products. He also wants to see more active participation from Bumiputera timber-based companies. Dato' Sri Dr Wee is not new to MTC as he was the Council's Chairman from 2015 to 2016. He played a key role in opening the timber trade doors in China under its One Belt One Road Initiative.

Tuan Willie expressed how impressed he was with MTC's strategic direction and planning that was taking the industry to the next level, especially towards IR 4.0, e-commerce, and Business Process Re-engineering.

