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**MTC and Perbadanan Putrajaya collaboration on The Longest Glued  
Laminated Timber Pedestrian Bridge in Malaysia**

**PUTRAJAYA, 28 JUNE 2016:** The Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) and Perbadanan Putrajaya (PPj) will embark on a project to construct the longest Glued Laminated Timber (Glulam) Pedestrian Bridge in the country. The RM1.8 million bridge will link Precinct 1 and Precinct 16 in Putrajaya.

Spanning across 47 metres in length and 3 metres in width, the glulam bridge will be made of local timber species. Construction of the bridge is expected to begin next month and is scheduled for completion in December this year. MTC and Perbadanan Putrajaya are signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the construction of the glulam bridge.

MTC Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Nik and Perbadanan Putrajaya President, Datuk Seri Hj. Hasim Bin Hj. Ismail will be signing the MoU which will be witnessed by MTC Chairman, Datuk Wee Jeck Seng and Perbadanan Putrajaya City Planning Department Vice President, Dato' Fadlun Mak Ujud at the Perbadanan Putrajaya Complex. MTC Deputy CEO, Richard Yu and Perbadanan Putrajaya Vice-President of Corporate Services, Dato' Rogaizat Abdullah will sign as witnesses.

"Glulam is a high strength engineered timber product comprising layers of dimensioned timber bonded together with durable, moisture-resistant adhesives. The technology revolving around glulam has enabled large pieces of timber to be constructed and bent into all shapes and sizes. These are some of glulam's unique characteristics which are not prevalent in other building materials," said Abdul Rahim.



"This project will strengthen MTC's effort to encourage and promote the use of timber as well as share the advent of technology in timber engineering among builders and specifiers while building bridges of fruitful cooperation with Perbadanan Putrajaya," he added.

MTC will administer all construction efforts while Perbadanan Putrajaya will assist MTC and play an advisory role on technical matters as well as monitor the progress of the construction.

Perbadanan Putrajaya will also oversee the special lighting system that will be used to highlight the beauty of the glulam bridge. Special care will also be taken to prohibit the lightings' from affecting the habitat of the birds occupying the wetland areas nearby.

"I am very excited about this project and our collaboration with MTC. The pedestrian bridge will be of great benefit to the residences here," said Hasim.

myGlam Sdn Bhd, a member of The Association of Malaysian Bumiputra Timber & Furniture Entrepreneurs, has been appointed as the main contractor for the bridge's construction. The span will not only be the longest glulam bridge in the country but it will be the most recognisable bridge and an iconic structure that sits majestically in the nation's administrative capital.

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