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ITEM AND NMB FORGE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE ENGINEERING INNOVATION, EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Kuala Lumpur, 25 September 2026 – NMB (NanoMalaysia Berhad), a company limited by guarantee under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), today exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) at the ENGINEER & MARVEX 2026 Exhibition, marking a strategic partnership to strengthen collaboration between the engineering profession and Malaysia's technology commercialisation ecosystem.

This collaboration brings together IEM's engineering expertise and professional network with NMB's experience in technology commercialisation and industrial development. Together, we aim to create impactful programmes that bridge innovation and industry needs while supporting Malaysia's transition towards a knowledge-based and sustainable and innovation-driven economy, in line with IEM's IMPACT 2030 vision.

Through the MoU, IEM and NMB will undertake joint initiatives in research, consultancy, technology deployment, standards development, professional competency enhancement, industry engagement, knowledge sharing, and talent development. The partnership will also facilitate collaborations in areas such as advanced materials, digital technologies, Industry 2.0, renewable energy, hydrogen, and other strategic technology sectors such as battery technology and industry localisation.

Prof. (Adj.) Dr. Rezal Khairi Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer of NMB Group, said: "NMB is committed to accelerating the commercialisation of advanced technologies and delivering industry-ready solutions that contribute to national development. Through this partnership with IEM, we will strengthen collaboration among industry, academia, government and professional practitioners to drive innovation-led growth and enhance Malaysia's technological capabilities."

Meanwhile, Ir. Yau Chau Fong, President of IEM, said: "This collaboration brings together IEM's extensive engineering expertise and professional network with NMB's experience in technology commercialisation and industrial development. Together, we aim to create impactful programmes that bridge innovation and industry needs while supporting Malaysia's transition towards a knowledge-based and sustainable economy."

The partnership also recognises IEM's role as a neutral professional platform that brings together government agencies, regulators, industry players, academia and professional bodies to facilitate technical dialogue, consensus-building and the development of engineering standards and competencies for emerging technologies.



The MoU, which is valid for an initial period of three years, is expected to catalyse high-impact programmes that support knowledge transfer, workforce development, technology adoption and greater industry-academia-government collaboration.

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ABOUT NMB

NMB (NanoMalaysia Berhad) was incorporated in 2011 as a company limited by guarantee (CLBG) under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) to act as a business entity entrusted with nanotechnology commercialisation and industrialisation activities through the NanoMalaysia Venture Builder model. NMB is entrusted with driving nanotechnology development, advancing local EV component technology, and spearheading the hydrogen economy in Malaysia.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, MALAYSIA (IEM)

Established in 1959, the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia is the premier learned society for the engineering profession in Malaysia. IEM promotes and advances the science and profession of engineering while facilitating the exchange of technical knowledge and professional expertise among engineers and stakeholders.

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