MALAYSIA JOINS GSMA APAC 5G FORUM TO REINFORCE REGIONAL COOPERATION IN STEERING 5G INNOVATION

- Founded on 25 September 2019, the GSMA APAC 5G Forum is an exclusive community of pioneering mobile network operators and governments investing in creating the vision for 5G, define the best practice and share the expertise in advancing all segments related to 5G.
- The Forum members have priority access to attend relevant workshops/conferences, opportunity to participate in regional 5G industry & ecosystem engagement initiatives and provided with direct access to expert 5G industry analysis from GSMA.

Cyberjaya, 17 February 2020 – Malaysia through the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has charted further advancement in the development of 5G by becoming a member of the GSMA APAC 5G Forum.

The GSMA APAC 5G Forum, founded on 25 September 2019, is an exclusive community of pioneering Mobile Network Operators (MNO) and governments in the Asia Pacific region, investing in creating the vision of 5G and bringing the potential of 5G to spur achievements in every segment. MCMC's membership to the exclusive forum was sealed during a meeting between MCMC Chairman Al-Ishsal Ishak and Head of GSMA for Asia Pacific Julian Gorman on 20 January 2020 in Langkawi, Kedah.

GSMA recognises MCMC's leadership in navigating the development of 5G in Malaysia and believes that the membership in the forum will further allow constructive interactions and information sharing between members in finding the best solution to overcome various issues related to 5G including technicality, infrastructure, spectrum, business model, policy and others, in order to build a sustainable 5G ecosystem.

GSMA APAC 5G Forum aims to define the evolutionary path of the 5G technology, which would become a catalyst for social and economic evolutions to hasten the rate of development for countries in APAC region. Other than fostering cooperation, members of the forum would have priority access to expert analysis, conferences, innovation labs and researches under GSMA.

Among the pioneering members of GSMA APAC 5G Forum were KDDI and NTT DOCOMO from Japan, as well as KT, SK Telecom and LG UPlus from South Korea. The list of Forum members is expected to grow especially among

MNOs and government agencies regulating the telecommunication industry. The forum provides an effective platform for the commercial and government sectors to form a holistic approach in deploying 5G throughout the region.

"Through the GSMA APAC 5G Forum, MCMC hopes to share the Malaysian experience in bringing together the various industries, federal and state governments, as well as local authorities to collectively build a holistic ecosystem towards the commercialisation of 5G in this country. In addition, the forum could become a reference point for us to set the best practices and policies to enhance 5G innovations and experiences, which will eventually benefit industry players in all verticals as well as the society in general," said MCMC Chairman Al-Ishsal Ishak.

"At the dawn of a new technology era, it is the pioneers who take the bold steps to solve the challenges and illuminate the path for others to follow. We welcome MCMC's participation with other pioneers from the region to work as a community of leaders to benefit national and regional 5G innovation for inclusive digital economic growth and to champion the success of this transformative technology," added the Head of GSMA for Asia Pacific, Julian Gorman.

About Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)
The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) is a statutory body established under the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission Act 1998 (MCMCA) which implements and promotes the Government's national policy objectives for the communications and multimedia sector. MCMC regulates and promotes the development of the communications and multimedia industry, which includes telecommunications, broadcasting, and online activities, postal services and digital certification. The Communication and Multimedia Act provides that MCMC undertake a policy implementation role, while policy decision-making is vested with the Minister. For more information, visit www.mcmc.gov.my or contact:

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