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### PIKOM UNVEILS NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCIL FOR 2017-2018 TERM

**KUALA LUMPUR, 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017** – The National ICT Association of Malaysia (PIKOM) announced the appointment of its new Chairman and Office Bearers as well as Councillors for 2017-2018 term following the recently-held 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Ganesh Kumar Bangah who was previously Deputy Chairman, was elected as the **18<sup>th</sup> PIKOM Chairman** in the 31-year-old history of the association. Ganesh is also Chairman of e-Commerce Malaysia (an initiative under PIKOM).

Danny Lee of Epson Malaysia was elected as Deputy Chairman while Sean Seah of Bimbit.com and Ong Chin Seong of Powerware Systems were elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Outgoing Chairman, Chin Chee Seong, will continue to serve in the Council as Immediate Past Chairman. There were also six councillors who were newly elected to the council, of which four; Stan Singh-Jit, Dr. Dzaharudin Mansor, Datuk Teoh Eng Kee and Ong Khung Tatt will each serve for a two-year term while the remaining two, Anthony Raja Devadoss and Jeffrey Ooi will each serve for one year. They will join Dato' Seri Ivan Teh and Alex Liew who were elected to the council during the 30<sup>th</sup> AGM and are currently serving a two-year-term.

The PIKOM Council 2017/2018 lineup are as follows:

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2	DANNY LEE 李振雄	DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	EPSON MALAYSIA SDN BHD	2017-2018
3	SEAN SEAH 谢溢高	SECRETARY	BIMBIT.COM SDN BHD	2017-2018
4	ONG CHIN SEONG 王振雄	TREASURER	POWERWARE SYSTEMS SDN BHD	2017-2018
5	CHIN CHEE SEONG 陈棋雄	IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN	GALASYS SOLUTIONS (MSC) SDN BHD	2017-2018
6	STAN SINGH - JIT	COUNCILLOR	IRONHORSE ASIA SDN BHD	2017-2019
7	DR DZAHARUDIN MANSOR	COUNCILLOR	MICROSOFT (M) SDN BHD	2017-2019
8	DATUK TEOH ENG KEE 拿督张永基	COUNCILLOR	EKTECH COMMUNICATIONS SDN BHD	2017-2019
9	ONG KHUNG TATT (KT ONG) 王康达	COUNCILLOR	DELL GLOBAL BUSINESS CENTRE SDN BHD	2017-2019
10	ALEX LIEW 刘润杰	COUNCILLOR	GLOCOMP SYSTEMS (M) SDN BHD	2016-2018
11	DATO' SERI IVAN THE 拿督斯里郑凯文	COUNCILLOR	ADV FUSIONEX SDN BHD	2016-2018
12	ANTHONY RAJA DEVADOSS	COUNCILLOR	KELLY SERVICES (MALAYSIA) SDN BHD	2017-2018
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Expressing his thanks to members, for their endorsement and vote of confidence, the new Chairman said that he will look to build on the good work of his predecessor including driving the progress of PIKOM's many chapters such as Outsourcing Malaysia, e-Commerce Malaysia as well as PIKOM Cybersecurity Chapter and Venture Investment Chapter. Also on the agenda is the continued growth of #MYCYBERSALE, particularly in increasing private sector participation towards ensuring the sustainability of the private sector led initiative.

"CS (Immediate Past Chairman, Chin Chee Seong) has done a great job as Chairman and we thank him for having built a solid foundation for me to take over. I also thank my peers and all members who have given me their trust. I am honoured to be helming a great team of industry captains who together, offer a diverse and rich set of skill sets, experiences and fresh ideas that will be invaluable as we chart PIKOM's continued growth and progress to new heights," said Ganesh.

"In this age of disruption, we will endeavour to embrace a dynamic spirit of transformation, innovation and ideas to enable Malaysia's ICT industry and the nation as a whole to embrace and leverage on the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution – the digital age. Certainly, we will continue to play an active role as the voice of the ICT industry – advising government and other stakeholders," he added.



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PIKOM's new Chairman also encouraged more start-ups and SMEs to join PIKOM towards staying abreast of rapidly evolving technologies, to better embrace e-Commerce as a business enabler towards tapping global trade and to essentially remain competitive in the digital age.

"Be it funding, networking, international business platforms, market access, technology access, award recognition, PIKOM is the gateway to these and more. We want to engage more companies and bring them into the fold so they may benefit from PIKOM's unique positioning between government and industry, local and international platforms and between technology producers and technology consumers. We are certainly looking for fresh ideas from industry players towards building a more robust and competitive ICT industry across the value chain" Ganesh added.

Expressing confidence in his successor, immediate past Chairman, Chin Chee Seong reiterated that PIKOM has put in place a capable and experienced leadership team to achieve its many goals and aspirations.

"I express full confidence and support for Ganesh and the new line-up of Office Bearers and Councillors. PIKOM is in good hands. There is certainly plenty to do and PIKOM as an entity has plenty of room for growth. I thank them for rising up to the challenge and thank all members, government agencies and partners for their support and co-operation during my two years as PIKOM Chairman," said Chin.

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### About PIKOM

PIKOM, THE NATIONAL ICT ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA is the association representing the information and communications technology (ICT) industry in Malaysia. Its membership currently stands at over 1,000 comprising companies involved in a whole spectrum of ICT products and services which commands about 80% of the total ICT trade in Malaysia. PIKOM works to improve the business climate in the interests of all its member companies and to promote industry growth in line with national aspirations. PIKOM's membership is open to all Malaysian companies who supply ICT products and services in the computing and telecommunications industries. However, non-ICT companies are also welcome to join the Association as associate members.

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