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### PAST PIKOM CHAIRMAN DAVID WONG NAN FAY

### RE-ELECTED AS ASOCIO CHAIRMAN FOR 2019-2020 TERM

**TOKYO, JAPAN December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018:** PIKOM, the National ICT Association of Malaysia is pleased to announce that David Wong Nan Fay has been re-elected as the ASOCIO (Asian Oceania Computing Industry Association) Chairman for the 2019-2020 term.

The past PIKOM Chairman and current advisor also served as the Chairman of the Outsourcing Malaysia, formed in collaboration with Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC).

Wong was re-elected to the Chairman post at the ASOCIO General Assembly, which was held during the recent ASOCIO Digital Summit in Tokyo, Japan.

"I am honoured to be elected as the ASOCIO Chairman for the second term. I will make it my humble duty to serve this major regional ICT body to promote joint-collaboration among the member economies and be their voice to address the concerns and challenges facing them," said Wong.

Six vice presidents from ICT associations in the Thailand, Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong Japan and Vietnam economies were also elected.

In commenting on Wong's ASOCIO Chairman appointment for the second term, PIKOM Chairman Ganesh Kumar Bangah said that the association is proud that Malaysia stands tall in the international ICT arena, taking leadership positions to shape the conversations around the digital economy.

"David's continuing involvement in ASOCIO is among the key positions that PIKOM is taking a leadership position. PIKOM Councillor Stan Singh-Jit is also the current Chairman of the Asia Pacific ICT Alliance (APICTA) Awards while PIKOM Secretary Sean Seah, represents the association in the World IT and Services Alliance (WITSA) as a board member," said Ganesh.



ASOCIO is a grouping of IT industry associations representing economies in the Asian and Oceania region, in which PIKOM is a member of. ASOCIO was established in 1984 with the objective to promote, encourage and foster relationships and trade between its members in the region.

Comprising 24 members, ASOCIO's mission is to be globally recognised as the champion for the growth of the Asian Oceania digital economy, in the promotion and facilitation of ICT trade and development for our members.

In line with these objectives, ASOCIO held their prestigious Annual Awards where four local companies did Malaysia proud when they were honoured for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the ICT Industry.

Powerware Systems, a Data Center Consulting and Project Management company took home the ASOCIO Outstanding ICT Industry Award while Malaysia's leading bank Maybank Group won the ASOCIO Outstanding User Organisation Award.

MDEC and Knowledge.com Corporation won the ASOCIO Digital Government Award and ASOCIO IT Education Award respectively.

The criteria for these awards were broadly based on the recipients' success in, among a stringent list of requirements, deploying innovative business models, leveraging smart use of ICT that creates significant market advantages and/or social influences as well as deploying digital services to significantly empower the education, social welfare and public health of citizens.

Wong presented the awards to representatives of the winning companies at the summit which brought together about 850 international delegates.

ASOCIO also launched their second industry report titled ICT Talent Development & Collaboration: Cross Border Opportunities Within Asia Pacific.

The title of the report was conceptualized in view that many countries within Asia Pacific region are moving progressively with their Digital Economy agenda.



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#### **About PIKOM**

THE NATIONAL ICT ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA (PIKOM) 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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#### **About ASOCIO**

The Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organization (ASOCIO) is a grouping of IT industry associations representing economies in the Asia and Oceania region. ASOCIO was established in 1984 with the objective to promote, encourage and foster relationships and trade between its members, and to develop the computing industry in the region. ASOCIO comprises 24 members. Its mission is to be globally recognised as the champion for Asia Oceania in the promotion and facilitation of ICT trade and development for our members. Today, ASOCIO's members account for more than 10,000 ICT companies and represent approximately US\$350 billion of ICT revenue in the region. Presently, members come from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.