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"Please be informed that the MSNT 19th AGM has been delayed to 30th April, 9.00am at Palm Garden Hotel, Putrajaya. MSNT apologizes for this delay and wish all members to attend this meeting."



Colt Palma Hotel, Putrajaya, the Venue of MSNT 19th AGM



Members of TWG having their first meeting at the Department of Standard

1st Technical Working Group (TWG) of Malaysian Inspection Body Accreditation Scheme MIBAS), 5th March 2008 Training Course on ISO 17024

In respond to the need for the NDT laboratories to be accredited in accordance with ISO 17020, Malaysian Accreditation Body, namely the Department of Standard has established a TWG. The Group comprises of representatives from Malaysia Nuclear Agency (Nuclear Malaysia), PETRONAS, Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB), Malaysian Society for NDT (MSNT), Tenaga Nasional Berhad Research (TNBR), Intestmal and SIRIM Bhd. The Department of Standard acts as secretariat for this Group.

The TWG has its first meeting on 5th of March at the Department of Standard, Putrajaya. It is expected that the Group will produce a supplementary document which will be used by Malaysian members of NDT community in conjunction with ISO 17020 document in their effort to get them accredited.

Seminar on Sensor, Nuclear Malaysia, 31st March 2008

One day technical seminar on sensor was held in Nuclear Malaysia, as part of Nuclear Malaysia's effort to consolidate research and development activities related to sensor. In this seminar, out of 13 technical papers, three of them were related to NDT, i.e eddy current probe, ultrasonic probe and industrial digital radiography detector system. This seminar was officiated by the Deputy Director General (Research) and attended by about 30 scientists.



Representatives from RCA Member States taking a photograph together with members of Local Organizing Committee for the meeting.

IAEA/RCA Midterm Progress Review Meeting of the RCA Project, 24-26 March 2008 (Development and Application of Advanced Industrial Radiography and Tomography Techniques)

This meeting was held in Hanoi and attended by 16 participants from 15 RCA member states, namely Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. Malaysia was represented by the MSNT President. Basically, the main objective of this meeting was to monitor the development of the project for each RCA member states, especially in areas of Harmonization of NDT practice through an accreditation of National Certifying Body-NCB (in accordance with ISO 17024), establishment of quality management system in NDT laboratories and the development of advance NDT methods.

In general, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) being the organizer for this project was very happy with the progress being made by all member states. As for Malaysia, actions taken by various agencies in respond to the need for accreditation of our NCB, especially those by the Department of Skill Development and the Department of Standards are very encouraging. We hope that our the process for accreditation of our NCB can be accomplished before the end of 2010.

2nd Workshop on Preparation of Bank of Questions for NDT, 17th March 2008

This workshop was organized by the National Certifying Body, namely The Department of Skill Development, Ministry of Human Resource. It was held in ESSET, Bangi as a continuation to the first workshop that was held in Puteri Resort Malacca earlier this year. The workshop this time was attended by about 15 participants representing areas of radiography and ultrasonic. The workshop was organized as a part of NCB's effort to increase the number of questions in the bank and at the same time to review the existing questions that are currently used for examination.



"The workshop is held in the ESSET building"



Group of experts preparing radiography text bookl entitled "Radiografi Industri"

Preparation of text book on Industrial Radiography, 10th-13th March 2008

As part of Nuclear Malaysia's effort to upgrade the quality of training in area of industrial radiography, a group of 5 local experts were assigned to accomplish the preparation of text book in Bahasa Malaysia to be used as an additional reference for the national training course on industrial radiography. The group spent 3 days at the Island of Langkawi to accomplish the writing of a book entitled "Radiografi Industri". It is believed that the book is the first of its kind to be written in Bahasa Malaysia.

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