



The IFDM started with a vision: to gather representatives of stakeholders in disability management and return to work from all over the world in order to assemble global perspectives on consensus-based best practices, cutting edge research and successful disability management/return to work policies and programs.

Thank you Kuala Lumpur – Hello Vancouver



November 2016 – The IFDM 2016 hand-over ceremony took place on November 24 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and marked the conclusion of the largest International Forum on Disability Management since the inception of this biennial global forum in 2002, which was a joint initiative led by the Canadian and German Ministers of Labour in collaboration with key business and labour leaders, as well as other relevant stakeholders.

IFDM 2016 was hosted for the first time by a nation in Asia, and it was a resounding success, with almost 1,300 participants from 39 countries in attendance who came to present on, and listen to, leaders from around the world, and participate in sessions addressing the latest developments affecting the (re)integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects with regard to their continued equitable participation in society.

The Forum was officially opened by YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, with YB Dato' Sri Richard Riot Anak Jaem, Minister of Human Resources from the Government of Malaysia, delivering the opening plenary where he outlined the priorities and progress that has been made in increasing employment participation of persons with disabilities since the official launch of the Malaysian government's Return to Work program in 2007.

The Chair of the IFDM 2016 organizing committee, Chief Executive Officer of SOCSO, YBhg Dato' Dr. Mohammed Azman bin Dato' Aziz Mohammed, at the closing ceremony for the event, officially presented The Kuala Lumpur Joint-Statement on Disability Management 2016, and handed the official IFDM flag to the Honourable Wayne G. Wouters, PC, Chancellor of the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences, which is the host of the next IFDM scheduled for October 2018 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

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