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MALAYSIA HOSTS WORLD SOCIAL SECURITY FORUM 2025; FOCUS ON DEMOGRAPHIC, LABOUR MARKET, GREEN AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 June – Malaysia is once again in the global spotlight as Kuala Lumpur prepares to host the World Social Security Forum (WSSF) 2025. This prestigious global event by the International Social Security Association (ISSA) will take place from 29 September to 3 October 2025, at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC). For one remarkable week, **Kuala Lumpur will become the world capital of social security**, uniting leaders, experts and institutions from around the world.

This year's forum themed "**Shaping Social Security for a World in Transition**", will explore the challenges and opportunities arising from global demographic changes, labour market dynamics, technological developments and the push for sustainability - all of which are shaping the future of social security.

The Social Security Organization (PERKESO) announced in a statement that WSSF 2025 is set to be a strategic platform for exploring bold ideas, forward-thinking, and innovations aimed at strengthening social security systems to be more relevant, inclusive and resilient in addressing today's global challenges.

"The sharing of insights from global figures and pioneers in social security carries immense value, serving as a catalyst for social system reforms that not only protect but also empower and strengthen community resilience," the statement explained.

The forum is expected to attract over 1,500 delegates from the ISSA's 336 member organizations in 164 countries, as well as Ministers, Chief Executive Officers, technical experts, and representatives from international organizations.

The WSSF 2025 will for the first time feature the International Social Security Video Festival and Awards, showcasing commitments to promoting social security. Meanwhile, the ISSA Outstanding Achievement Award will be presented to a country for demonstrating exceptional achievements in strengthening social security systems.

Throughout the five-day event, there will be a range of plenary sessions, more than 80 interactive sessions, panel workshops, tutorial sessions, and the ISSA Innovation Zone; making this forum a holistic experience in knowledge sharing and fostering international cooperation.

WSSF 2025 is organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA), and co-hosted by PERKESO and the Employees Provident Fund (EPF). It is also supported by the Retirement Fund (Incorporated) [KWAP] and the Implementation Coordination Unit, Prime Minister's Department (ICU JPM) as the secretariat for the Malaysian Social Protection Council (MySPC).

This event strengthens Malaysia's commitment to consolidating its social protection system, while elevating the country's role as a global strategic partner in the universal welfare agenda. It also opens a unique opportunity for Malaysia to showcase its social security policies and initiatives on the world stage.

For more information about the World Forum, please visit: www.issa.int/wssf2025

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About the ISSA

The International Social Security Association (ISSA) is the world's leading international organization for social security institutions, government departments and agencies. The ISSA promotes excellence in social security administration through professional guidelines, expert knowledge, services and support to enable its members to develop dynamic social security systems and policy throughout the world. Founded in 1927 under the auspices of the International Labour Organization, the ISSA counts more than 330 member organizations in over 160 countries.

Visit www.issa.int for more information or to contact the ISSA.

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