

## The renaming of DSM NSC

### Department of Standards Malaysia has restructured and rename all National Standards Committee

IFEM has been actively participating in Malaysian Standards development for decades. Due to IFE Malaysia branch's keen participation decade ago, we were one of the earlier NGOs appointed as an SWO (Standard Writing Organization) with a Technical Committee set up for Fire Properties of Building Materials and an inhouse secretariat. At that time, we were independent in developing Malaysian Standards under the supervision of SIRIM. Our scope of work involved in developing Malaysian Standards in testing methodology i.e. furnace specification, passive fire protection specifications, system installation and testing methods.

IFEM has conducted in many studies, research and consultative meetings with construction stake holders e.g FMM, JKR, ACEM, MFPA, MBAM, Assa Abloy, fire door manufacturers, etc. IFEM SWO has developed a series of fire door Malaysian Standards which is unique in nature in establishing fire door set as an important passive compartmentation system being part of fire rated wall. Malaysian Standards for ironmongery testing was established to ensure ease of egress yet reduced unnecessary security testing since locksets emphasis in security is contrary to safe egress. Malaysia is also the only country that require cyclic endurance test on fire doorsets to ensure performance. IFM SWO was subsequently restructure as TCF (TC for Fire Properties of Building Materials) and comes under the umbrella of ISC-M (Industrial Standards Committee for Fire Safety) when all SWO status were abolished.

When DSM (Department of Standards Malaysia) assume the Malaysian Standards development activities from SIRIM (an outsourcing agency) there is a restructure of ISC and all TCs. ISC-M has been renamed NSC-M (National Standards Committee), while all TCs have been renamed TCM.

During the last NSC-M meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022, DSM inform the meeting that due to the latest restructuring, NSC-M has now been renamed NSC13.

With his active participation in Malaysia Standards development, IFEM – Tay Hao Giang has been nominated by DSM as an expert to represent Malaysia in ISO TC 92 (Fire Safety) standard development. He is represented in SCs under TC92 where many fire related Standards are developed looking into fire initiation and growth; fire containment and fire threat to people and environment.