



MEDIA STATEMENT

THE FIRST MALAYSIAN RECOGNISED WITH A PRESTIGIOUS FRANCES PERKINS AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR – The Chief Executive Officer of Social Security Organisation (SOCSO), Dato’ Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman Dato’ Aziz Mohammed was recently honoured with **The 2020 Frances Perkins Award** by the US-based **International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC)**.

This adds a feather in Malaysia’s cap and strengthens the country’s international reputation as this is the first time a Malaysian is recognised with such an award.

The award celebrates SOCSO’s commitment, innovation and leadership that exemplify the spirit of Frances Perkins, former US Secretary of Labour (1933-1945) and IAIABC President, who was a role model for innovation and progressive leadership in workers’ compensation and social security.

Previous award recipients were individuals or organisations in the government and private sectors who have contributed immensely to the industry.

The IAIABC, founded in 1914, is an association comprising workers’ compensation jurisdictional agencies from around the world as well as private organisations involved in the delivery of workers’ compensation benefits and services.

IAIABC President Evelyn V. McGill announced the conferment of the awards via web conference on 23 September 2020, at the IAIABC 106th Convention.

According to Ms McGill, Dato’ Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman was chosen to receive The 2020 Frances Perkins Award as he strongly believes in the importance of social security organisations in protecting workers and supporting economic stability.

“Dr. Azman seeks new ideas and innovations by actively engaging with the international community and sharing their successes,” noted Ms McGill, who is also the Executive Director of the Virginia Workers’ Compensation Commission.

Dato’ Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman, 53, is not new to the international social security scene as he plays an active role in the regional and international bodies such as ASEAN Social Security Association (ASSA) and International Social Security Association (ISSA).

In his acceptance speech, Dato’ Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman attributed the award to the hard work and dedication of everyone in SOCSO.

“Winning this award signals that we are heading in the right direction in workers’ compensation, health, safety and recovery.

“This recognition will spur SOCSO to enhance its innovative approaches in all areas of social security while ensuring that prevention culture becomes a priority for employers and employees,” said Dato’ Sri Dr Mohammed Azman, who is a medical doctor.

Dato’ Sri Dr Mohammed Azman has also been elected as a member of the IAIABC Board of Directors, the only Malaysian serving on the IAIABC’s governing body. This reflects the IAIABC’s recognition of his accomplishment in steering SOCSO as an outstanding social security organisation in Malaysia as well as taking an active part in the regional and international social security development.

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