



## **COUNTRY STATEMENT 1**

**FOR**

**SENIOR OFFICIALS SEGMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL ACTION FRAMEWORK CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

Mr Chairman  
Honorable Ministers,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. On behalf of the Malaysian Government, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for convening this meeting.

2. Malaysia recognizes the importance of civil registration for accurate, complete and timely vital statistics in a nation's development and growth. Thus in accordance with our laws and regulations, every child born in Malaysia will be registered. As of now the rate of birth registration in Malaysia is more than 95% as provided in existing national laws and policies.

3. An integrated system has also been developed between the National Registration Department and the Ministry of Health at government hospitals to facilitate ease in registration of births and to reduce duplication or fraud. Efforts are also being taken to improve on death registrations with collaboration between NRD and the Royal Malaysian Police to capture more complete and accurate info

rmation at remote areas where the registrations are mainly conducted by police personnel.

4. To share Malaysia's experience in CRVS management, centralized registration of births and deaths under the purview of Federal or Central government at national level is important to ensure that the registration of births and deaths is accurately and completely recorded.

5. A comprehensive legal structure needs to be in place in order to ensure that the registration and issuance of documentation of births and deaths are effectively and efficiently implemented. Currently, Malaysia has numerous laws and regulations to regulate and ensure registration of all vital events such as births, deaths, marriages, divorces, adoptions, citizenships and issuance of personal identity documents.

6. It is equally important that technology is used to replace manual registration. Since the year 2001 with the introduction of the Smart Card Identity or MyKad with biometric technology, the National Registration Department has developed comprehensive network of ICT systems to ensure uninterrupted registrations at every corner of the country not just at our 1,400 counters but also through all

our mobile counters using the latest wireless technology to provide service to all. These ICT systems are operated 7 days a week running non-stop supported by mainframe computer and an integrated network of servers located in all 229 branches to provide real time processing, registration and production of reports to more than 180 government agencies in the country.

7. We acknowledge the regional action framework for civil registration in Asia and the Pacific as an important initial step towards achieving the three main goals of CRVS and welcome request from fellow members to share our experiences towards ensuring regional cooperation and collaboration.