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Industry players applaud Immigration Department's swift action to enable foreign seafarers to stay in Malaysia upon expiry of Social Visit Passes (PLS)

12 May 2021, Petaling Jaya – Tourism Productivity Nexus (TPN), an industry-led establishment under Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) recently facilitated a discussion between marina association representatives, the relevant industry players and the Immigration Department on steps that should be taken by foreign seafarers with expired Social Visit Passes (PLS).

TPN on behalf of the industry players applauds Immigration Department's swift action in handling the situation. According to the Immigration Department, seafarers with expired Social Visit Passes (PLS) are allowed to stay in Malaysia until December 31 2021, but they have to obtain a special pass at the nearest Immigration office. The application must be accompanied by a letter of confirmation from the respective embassy and a letter of support from the operator or owner of the marina where the seafarers docked.

Uzaidi Udanis, TPN Champion, in his statement responding to a media release by the Immigration Department said, "On behalf of the owners and operators of the marina and the relevant industry players, I am extending our gratitude to the Immigration Department for the action taken to allow seafarers to extend their stay and dock at the marina. This means continuous revenue for the marina operators and owners. I hope the relevant industry players will assist to guide the seafarers who will dock at their establishments to obtain the Special Social Visit Pass."

Immigration Department's decision to allow seafarers to extend their stay in Malaysia by obtaining the Special Social Visit Pass has resulted in income generation not only for the marina's operators and owners, but also for the marina workers, retail shops and restaurants around the marina, as well as the local community in the area.

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About Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)

Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) is a statutory body under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). MPC promotes productivity, quality and competitiveness to the industries and organisations in Malaysia. MPC's vision is to be the leading organisation in productivity enhancement for global competitiveness and innovation.

About Tourism Productivity Nexus (TPN)

Tourism Productivity Nexus (TPN) is a one-stop centre that caters to enterprises to boost productivity while increasing innovation and capturing growth opportunities. The Nexus' initiatives emphasise the development of a holistic ecosystem in order to increase technology adoption and further strengthen key industry enablers.

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