## ISI President Pedro Silva and the Chief Statistician of Malaysia Dr. Abdul Rahman Hasan Sign the Agreement for Hosting the 62<sup>nd</sup> ISI World Statistics Congress (ISI2019) in Kuala Lumpur

On 14 November, ISI President Pedro Silva and the Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Dr. Abdul Rahman Hasan, signed the Agreement for hosting the 62<sup>nd</sup> ISI World Statistics Congress (ISI2019) in Kuala Lumpur.

The signing ceremony took place in the magnificent Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre where the ISI2019 will take place - right in the city center at the foot of the Petronas Towers.



The signing of the agreement was witnessed by Dr. Muhammad Bin Ibrahim, the Governor of the Central Bank of Malaysia, Dr. Kamarulzaman Ibrahim, President of the Malaysian Institute of Statistics (ISM) and Prof. Helen MacGillivray, the ISI President-Elect. The three Malaysian organisations will work closely together in organizing the ISI2019.

The opening ceremony was attended by approx. 100 persons and media. Dr. Hasan emphasized in his speech how the ISI2019 will contribute to promote the production of statistics in Malaysia which is becoming increasingly important in this era of big data and data for the sustainable development goals.



ISI President Pedro Silva underlined in <a href="https://linear.com/his-speech">his speech</a> that the times could not more exciting than now; Statistics is in greater demand than ever before and technology enables ubiquitous presence and abundance of data on just about every aspect of our lives. Organizing the WSC 2019 will be a fantastic opportunity to enlarge the footprint of Statistics in Malaysia and the region and to mobilize and engage even more diverse communities around the production, analysis and usage of statistics. The ISI is definitely looking forward to work with Malaysia in organizing the ISI2019.

The Malaysian organisers displayed a wonderful compilation 'Road to ISI WSC 2019' after which the official signing of the agreement took place.