



Secretariat of ISO/PC 283

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To the Members of
ISO/PC 283
Occupational health and safety management systems

**Communiqué on the September 2017 meeting of ISO/PC 283
Melaka, Malaysia, 18 – 23 September 2017**

The ballot on the second Draft International Standard (DIS) of ISO 45001 *Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use* closed in July 2017, and approved the document. It also received approximately 1600 comments giving recommendations for improvement.

ISO/PC 283's Working Group 1 (ISO/PC 283/WG1) was tasked to review the comments received and to recommend whether a Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) would be needed, or if the standard could proceed to publication.



**Delegates to the Melaka meeting,
at the Pusat Rehabilitasi PERKESO (SOCSSO Rehabilitation Centre)**

The members of ISO/PC 283/WG1 decided to use an approach of firstly reviewing key comments, followed by reviewing key issues, to progress their work. In addition 8 small task groups were established to resolve specific items. It was further agreed that the Secretariat would disposition any editorial comments following the meeting, with any other remaining technical comments being held over for review at a time when ISO 45001 will be revised.

After consulting with ISO Central Secretariat, it was agreed that a number of technical changes had been made to the DIS text, and that an FDIS stage would need to be completed.

Since the meeting, the Secretariat has completed the dispositioning of the comments, the draft has been edited, and it has been placed on the ISO servers for download by ISO's member national standards bodies for translation.

While the usual translation period for an FDIS is currently 2 weeks, this has been extended to 4 weeks, to comply with a request from AFNOR for an extended period in which to prepare the French translation. Consequently the FDIS ballot is now scheduled to start on 30th November 2017 and to be completed on 25th January 2018.

If the FDIS ballot is successful, there will then be a short period of final preparation of the text, before ISO 45001 is published in February 2018.

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The delegates were especially delighted by being given an opportunity to make a tour of the SOCSO Rehabilitation Centre, as well as meeting some of the staff and patients, and to observe the outstanding work being undertaken there.

In closing its meeting, the WG gave its sincere thanks to Mr Bahrin Abdul Rahman, Mr Zulfaker Mohd Nor, Ms Haslayati Hashim, Ms Wong Kit Ying, Mr Wan Ahmad Jaziila Wan Hassan, Ir Hussein Rahmat, Ms Zuraidah Baba, Hajjah Maimunah Hj Khalid (from left to right in the photo below) for all their outstanding assistance in arranging and supporting the meeting.



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