



Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof (fifth from left) being briefed by Ekovest managing director Tan Sri Lim Keng Cheng (second from right) after the launch of the International Construction Week 2018 in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

## INDUSTRIALISED BUILDING SYSTEM

# MOVE TO RAISE IBS ADOPTION IN MALAYSIA

### Govt proposes to make it mandatory for new public projects

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**T**HE government has proposed to make Industrialised Building System (IBS) mandatory for all new public development projects under the local authorities' contracts.

Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said the move would see higher adoption of IBS in Malaysia.

"The government needs to ensure that the construction indus-

try begins to change towards the use of more sophisticated technology to keep its players competitive.

"Therefore, we would like to get all the local authorities, which are the approving agencies, to make IBS one of the mandatory terms.

"All submissions must be IBS-compliant. Once this is done, more will adopt IBS," said Fadillah after the launch of the International Construction Week (ICW) 2018 with the theme "Achieving Peak Productivity", here, yesterday.

He said the government was also considering on providing incentives to small construction companies to implement IBS.

"But the most important thing is to push for higher adoption of IBS. This is because when the volume of consumption increases, it will help reduce costs," he added.

The ICW 2018 exhibition, which started on Monday, will be on until Friday and is expected to attract around 10,000 visitors.

More than 100 exhibitors from within and outside the country are participating in the exhibition.