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IFSB – INCEIF Executive Forum for Islamic Finance on the Resilience and Stability of the Islamic Financial Services Industry

30 October 2015, Kuala Lumpur – The Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) and INCEIF - The Global University of Islamic Finance are organising the Eighth Executive Forum on Islamic Finance on 1 - 2 December 2015. The IFSB-INCEIF Executive Forum aims to provide a platform for global leaders in Islamic finance to discuss selected emerging issues facing the global Islamic financial services industry, emphasising on issues related to supervision and prudential regulation in a manner that harnesses the experiences of a distinguished pool of global experts, academics and practitioners.

Among confirmed speakers who will facilitate the Executive Forum are:

- **Takashi Hamano**, Assistant Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency, Japan
- **Dr. Magda Elsayed Kandil**, Chief Economist, Research and Statistics Department, Central Bank of United Arab Emirates
- **Che Zakiah Che Din**, Director, Financial Conglomerate Supervision Department, Bank Negara Malaysia
- **Ritesh Maheshwari**, Managing Director & Lead Analytical Manager, Financial Services Ratings, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, Singapore
- **Shamsun Anwar Hussain**, Managing Director, Business Management Office, CIMB, Malaysia

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Younes Soualhi**, Chairman, Sharī'ah Committee, HSBC Amanah Malaysia Berhad, Malaysia

With the theme “**Resilience and Stability of the Islamic Financial Services Industry: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead**”, this 8th IFSB-INCEIF Executive Forum will focus on key issues affecting the stability of the Islamic financial services industry (IFSI) along with the strategic approaches needed to ensure that the IFSI is able to achieve a level of resilience that withstands the impact of financial turbulences.

The two-day Executive Forum will be divided into seven sessions, which are:

- a) Developments in the Global IFSI
- b) Effective Macro-prudential Policies
- c) Strengthening the Protection of the Financial Sector
- d) *Sharī'ah*-compliant Lender of Last Resort (LOLR)
- e) *Takāful*: Unlocking the Potential and Supporting Stability
- f) Islamic Capital Markets (ICM): Achieving a Rigorous and Robust Regulatory Framework; and
- g) Panel Discussion on Fostering Global Linkages and Cross-border Potentials Towards Enhancing Resilience and Stability

The Executive Forum is targeted for mid to senior-level management who seek to sharpen their skills and deepen their knowledge of the industry's driving factors, as well as broaden their cross-border perspective. It is ideal for regulators and supervisors of the Islamic financial institutions, key personnel in multilateral organisations and governmental agencies involved in policy planning and development as well as Chief Executive Officers, Board Members or senior management of the Islamic financial institutions, auditors, lawyers, advisers, academics and researchers in Islamic finance.

For further information and to register, do visit www.ifsb.org. Please contact Mr. Hamizi Hamzah at hamizi@ifsb.org / ifsb_sec@ifsb.org for queries on the Executive Forum series.

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NOTE TO EDITOR:

About the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB)

The IFSB is an international standard-setting organisation that promotes and enhances the soundness and stability of the Islamic financial services industry by issuing global prudential standards and guiding principles for the industry, broadly defined to include banking, capital markets and insurance sectors. The IFSB also conducts research and coordinates initiatives on industry-related issues, as well as organises roundtables, seminars and conferences for regulators and industry stakeholders. Towards this end, the IFSB works closely with relevant

international, regional and national organisations, research/educational institutions and market players.

The members of the IFSB comprise regulatory and supervisory authorities, international inter-governmental organisations and market players, professional firms and industry associations. For more information about the IFSB, please visit www.ifsb.org.

About INCEIF

INCEIF - The Global University of Islamic Finance, is set up by Bank Negara Malaysia to develop human capital for the global Islamic finance industry. Apart from its academic programmes, which are Masters in Islamic Finance Practice, MSc in Islamic Finance and PhD in Islamic Finance, INCEIF also offers customised executive training programmes and industry-focused applied research in line with its vision to be the knowledge and thought leader in Islamic finance.

INCEIF syllabus is structured with inputs from industry players to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry experience. INCEIF faculty members, who are globally respected among the Islamic finance academia and industry, have a combined wealth of experience and diversity. The faculty, coupled with continuous support from the industry, provides INCEIF students with strong mentoring relationships and opportunities for professional development. For more information, please visit www.inceif.org.