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A TOTAL of 228 construction industry leaders — 113 from the private sector and 115 from the public sector — have been appointed to 23 committees under the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP).

The committees or Initiative Working Groups (IWGs) represent a step forward in the national blueprint for the transformation of the construction industry, Datuk Ir Ahmad Asri Abdul Hamid, CEO of the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), said in a statement in Kuala Lumpur.

The establishment of the IWGs is part of the governance structure critical for the success of the CITP as they are entrusted to steer and monitor the implementation of 18 initiatives under the CITP spread over four strategic thrusts.

“The IWGs comprise key individuals from various ministries, agencies

and industry players to reflect the importance of getting the buy-in from all stakeholders. This is in line with the CITP tagline, ‘Driving Construction Excellence Together,’” Ahmad Asri said.

The IWG will report to the Thrust Working Group (TWG), representing the four strategic thrusts of CITP, namely:

1. Quality Safety and Professionalism. TWG chair: Datuk Seri Zohari Akob, secretary general of the Works Ministry; co-chair: Datuk Ir Jauhari Hamidi, MD, property division, Sime Darby Bhd.

2. Environmental Sustainability. TWG chair: Tan Sri Ir Dr Jamilus Hussein, president/EO of KLIA Premier Holdings Sdn Bhd; co-chair: Datuk Lim Keng Cheng, MD of Ekovest Bhd.

3. Productivity. TWG chair: Datuk Srikanth Kanagaintiram, MD of

KPK Quantity Surveyors Sdn Bhd; co-chair: Datuk Kwan Foh Kwai, non-independent non-ED of Sunway Construction Bhd.

4. Internationalisation. TWG chair: Tan Sri Dr Ir Ahmad Tajudin Ali, chairman of CIDB; co-chair: Datuk Seri Ir Dr Judin Abdul Karim, former CIDB CEO and current chairman of CIDB Holdings Sdn Bhd.

The TWGs are tasked with the responsibility of addressing “roadblocks” in the implementation of the CITP and, when necessary, escalating issues up the chain to the CITP Ministerial Committee chaired by Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

The Ministerial Committee will be accountable for the success of the CITP and will provide periodical updates to the Cabinet and the Special Committee on the Services Sector chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib

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To fulfill the need for a strong coordinating body, CIDB established a Programme Management Office last year to track and monitor the progress of the CITP targets.

In line with the effective industry collaboration, CIDB has to date signed collaborations with 42 organisations in various fields such as training, implementation of quality, safety and sustainability tools, and guidelines.

In addition, 158 organisations have signed the CITP Pledge.

The CITP was launched on Sept 10 last year by the prime minister as part of the 11th Malaysia Plan to transform the construction industry towards achieving excellence by 2020. — *Bernama*