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CONSTRUCTION Industry Development Board (CIDB) has proposed to make the Malaysian Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement (MyCESMM) mandatory for Malaysia's construction sector.

CIDB CEO Datuk Ahmad Asri Abdul Hamid said the board is adamant for all construction developers to adopt the standard by 2020.

"We plan to make it mandatory for construction developers to implement the standardised civil engineering measurement for construction projects in the country.

"The overall strategy of it is to raise the standards of our local construction industry to be on par with developed economies within the global

marketplace," he told reporters at the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He said at present, there are 22 construction-related agencies that have adopted the civil measuring standard.

"We have signed another three collaborations with construction-related agencies that will adopt the standard into their future construction projects.

"This is in line with our Construction Industry Trans-

formation Programme, which is to have at least five construction projects per year that include the MyCESMM," he explained.

CIDB have signed a collaboration with three parties, the Rural and Regional Development Ministry, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia to promote MyCESMM in the preparation of bill of quantities for civil engineering projects in the Malaysian construction industry.

As part of the MoU, the three new signatories will commit to using MyCESMM in selected civil engineering projects nationwide.

Earlier, Deputy Works Minister Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin in her opening speech said a standardised measurements system such as the MyCESMM, will ease the tender process.

"By having a measurement standard project, the work scope will be detailed out and standardised, so that all contractors who entered the pro-

ject tenders will receive the same information."

"This surely will make the tender price consistent and the contractors will be awarded through a clear-cut system," she said.

MyCESMM was introduced in 2011 to eliminate discrepancies and ambiguities in the country's construction projects as it comprised of standardised method covering categories such as specifications, units of measurement as well as quantities and rates.