

BURSA MALAYSIA'S RING THE BELL FOR GENDER EQUALITY

A call to action for businesses to advance women's empowerment and gender equality

To commemorate International Women's Day on 8 March 2016, over 30 Stock Exchanges around the world including Bursa Malaysia joined several organisations in raising awareness on the importance of gender equality to achieve sustainable development and business. This was symbolised by ringing an opening or closing bell. These organisations were the UN Global Compact, the Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Initiative, UN Women, International Finance Corporation, The World Federation of Exchanges and Women in ETFs. Thirty-four stock exchanges worldwide were "Ringing the Bell for Gender Equality" from 3-11 March 2017.

The aim was to have 'bells ringing' across the globe to bring further attention on the importance of women's economic empowerment to business growth and development. It is also to highlight roles that private sector can play in creating opportunities for women in the workplace, marketplace and community.

The key message the SSE is promoting is the role of stock exchanges in supporting **Sustainable Development under Goal 5: Gender Equality**. Stock exchanges are encouraged to promote gender diversity on the boards and management of listed companies and ensure accessibility of capital market services to female entrepreneurs of all ages.



Left to right: Ms Selvarany Rasiah, Director (2016), Regulation, Bursa Malaysia, Tan Sri Amirsham A Aziz, Chairman of Bursa Malaysia Berhad, Michelle Gyles-McDonnough, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia and Datuk Seri Tajuddin Atan, Chief Executive Officer, Bursa Malaysia.



Panel Discussion on The Progress to Parity - Left to Right: Dato' Seri Ahmad Johan Mohammad Raslan, Executive Director/ Senior Adviser of AMMB Holdings, Dato' Rohana Rozhan, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Astro Malaysia Holding, Datuk Seri Tajuddin Atan, Chief Executive Officer, Bursa Malaysia and Datuk Yvonne Chia, Fellow Chartered Banker and former Group Managing Director & CEO of RHB Bank and Hong Leong Bank and Sophie Kamaruddin, Anchor and Editor, Bloomberg TV Malaysia