

OFFICIAL STATEMENT THE INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS MALAYSIA (ILAM)

Clarification on Representation, Governance Authority, and Recent Misrepresentation

The Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM) issues this statement to formally clarify and correct matters arising from the recent circulation of a letter and related communications by a group identifying themselves as “The Concern Members of ILAM”. This matter was formally discussed and deliberated at the ILAM Council Meeting dated 23 January 2025.

1. No Mandate, No Authority, No Representation

ILAM states unequivocally that the group known as “LAr. Concern Members of ILAM” does not represent:

- The ILAM Council,
- The Jawatankuasa Rang Undang-Undang (RUU) ILAM, or
- Any committee, working group, or mandate established under ILAM’s Constitution and governance framework.

ILAM further confirms that no formal correspondence, submission, or request for clarification has been received from this group through ILAM’s official institutional channels regarding the administrative engagement of Landscape Architects under the Lembaga Perancang Bandar Malaysia (LPBM).

Any implication or suggestion to the contrary is factually incorrect and misleading.

2. Unauthorised Solicitation and Implications of Support

ILAM views with serious concern the unauthorised circulation of information, requests for signatures, and solicitation of support conducted in a manner that creates the impression of official endorsement or institutional alignment.

ILAM makes its position clear:

- No individual or group is authorised to seek support, signatures, or representation in the name of ILAM without explicit Council mandate.
- Any implication that such actions are supported by ILAM or the Lembaga Perancang Bandar Malaysia is false; and
- Actions that misrepresent ILAM’s authority and position undermine professional governance, damage institutional credibility, and risk misleading members and external stakeholders.

Members are therefore formally advised that supporting or participating in activities that purport to represent ILAM or the Lembaga without authorisation carries no institutional standing and will not be recognised by ILAM or relevant authorities.



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3. ILAM's Official Position

ILAM reiterates firmly that:

- The current administrative engagement under LPBM is not a merger, not a loss of professional identity, and not a final legislative outcome;
- All matters affecting the profession will proceed strictly through ILAM's established governance mechanisms, supported by legal review and structured member engagement; and
- ILAM will not tolerate misrepresentation of its authority, processes, or decisions.

ILAM calls upon all members to exercise professional responsibility, rely solely on official communications issued by ILAM, and refrain from actions that create confusion or division during this critical period.

To ensure transparency and informed understanding, a Taklimat Penaungan ILAM x LPBM will be held on 31 January 2026 at FRSB, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), as an official platform for members to receive clarification directly through ILAM. ILAM calls upon all members to exercise professional responsibility, rely solely on official communications issued by ILAM, and refrain from actions that create confusion or division during this critical period.

Further clarification will be communicated through ILAM's formal platforms.

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