MINORITY SHAREHOLDER WATCHDOG GROUP

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Leading investors to discuss corporate governance

PETALING JAYA: The International Corporate Governance Network's (ICGN) summit, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur from Feb 28 to March 2, will gather institutional investors representing over US\$12 trillion in assets under management.

"As one of the largest institutional investors in Malaysia, corporate governance best practices are becoming increasingly significant to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF). It is our belief that corporate governance should be integrated into investment decision-making processes and not to be treated separately," EPF CEO Tan Sri Azlan Zainol said in a statement.

Minority Shareholder Watchdog Group (MSWG) CEO and chairperson of ICGN's conference programme planning committee Rita Benoy Bushon said: "As an organisation promoting good corporate governance practices among listed companies in Malaysia, MSWG believes that such practices will promote integrity and transparency in the capital market and the long-term sustainability of these companies.

"In addition, investors will be encouraged to make Malaysia a

destination of choice for their investments.'

Carl Rosen, executive director of ICGN, said: "Malaysia is a very interesting market from a corporate governance perspective. The EPF and MSWG both play an important role when it comes to

shareholder rights and responsibilities."

More than 35 speakers will tackle a range of subjects including Asian growth and governance; Asian IPOs and how these benchmark against international standards of corporate governance; and the state of corporate governance in China, India, Asean countries and what changes need to be made to improve the governance of these markets.