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DATUK Dr Abdul Rahim Nik, the former Natural Resources and Environment Ministry deputy secretary general (environment), has

been appointed CEO of the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC). He succeeded Datuk M Nagarajan, the former interim CEO who is also the deputy secretary general of the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities. The appointment took effect on Nov 16, 2015. MTC is involved in promoting the growth of the Malaysian timber trade and industry, and developing the market for Malaysian timber and furniture products globally. During his tenure at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Abdul Rahim coordinated and supervised policy issues relating to environmental management, climate change, forestry, biodiversity, wildlife and marine parks. He was also involved in the organisation and operations of various national councils, including the Green Technology and Climate Change Council, the National Biodiversity Council, and the National Water Resources Council. Abdul Rahim began his career as a research officer in Forest Research Institute Malaysia in 1981 and was in charge of the hydrology and watershed research.