MILESTONE OF ISO/TC 45

The history of ISO/TC 45 is as extended as the ISO itself. The TC was formed in 1947, the same year as the formation of the ISO. Its first meeting was held in 1948 in the United Kingdom and has flourished ever since, to the extent that it is consistently among the top of all committees in terms of standards produced annually. This success is entirely due to the ceaseless efforts and enthusiasm of its members. Meetings are held annually, a process that maintains a momentum and keeps the work programme flowing.

The United Kingdom has held the secretariat since that date of formation, from 1947 until 1995, a total of 48 years. In May 1995, the secretariat was transferred to Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), the National Standards Body of Malaysia. The history of this committee is contained in the reports of the annual meetings. The first Chairman of this committee was Dr Abdul Kadir, the then Director of Research of the Sime Darby Technology Centre in Malaysia.

Early work in this technical committee was in physical test methods, and focused in a number of working groups; the sub-committee structure was created much later, due to the request from ISO Central Secretariat. As a result, four sub-committees were established, with several working groups reporting directly to the parent TC.

SC 1 for rubber and plastic hoses, established in 1979 with the UK as its secretariat. This sub-committee contained 4 working groups. SC 2 for physical and degradation tests had 2 working groups. This sub-committee was established in 1982 with Sweden as the secretariat. SC 3 for raw materials was set up in 1986 and had 6 working groups. Canada held the secretariat of this sub-committee. In 1987, SC 4 for miscellaneous products was formed with 7 working groups and Malaysia held the secretariat. The seventh working group of SC 4 was set-up during the last meeting of ISO/TC 45 in October 1997.

Currently, the 4 SCs remains, with additional of 4 working groups for SC 2 which make a total of 6 working groups and additional of 3 workings for SC 4 with a total of 9 working groups.