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Ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,
Salam 1 Malaysia and Good Morning.

1 It is my great pleasure to be present today for the closing of the PSKLM International Expressway Conference & Exhibition 2013 (PIECE).

2. I realised some of you have travelled thousands of miles to be here and I want to thank you for your commitment to our common

cause during the entire conference. My highest appreciation to PSKLM for organizing PIECE 2013.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. I was made to understand that in the 2 days of the conference, participants had the opportunity to take part in panel discussions, listen to presentation of 28 papers and participate in 4 workshops. I am confident that the delegates have benefited from the comprehensive presentations from renown speakers both local and foreign. The knowledge gained will serve as a platform for industry players to exchange ideas and experiences and deliberate on issues pertaining to the industry. There is henceforth much to reflect on and this will provide an opportunity in formulating new approaches especially in enhancing the industry because at the end of it, it is all about people.

4. The Honourable Minister in his opening speech, put forth some challenges to the highway concessionaires and I believe that the presentations and discussions which you have participated, has stirred minds and created grand ideas to tackle the issues raised. In this regard, my Ministry is therefore looking forward to the response from local highway concessionaires on the initiatives that can be taken to address the concerns raised to improve service delivery and at the same time, upgrading highway management.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. A toll expressway is not only about engineering and construction but also operations and maintenance in ensuring that users get their worth. The ministry is focused in fostering and encouraging development of expertise in various areas such as asset management, new technologies in road construction, service level management and financing of projects. This is one of the main reasons of holding an international conference such as this. The diverse group of delegates at this conference comprising of highway operators, regulators, related government authorities, project managers, engineers, lawyers, consultants, bankers and financiers from the European Asian and Pacific Region can develop a shared commitment, leverage unique strengths, collaborate, take risks and achieve successful outcome. But the goals of what we do remains consistent i.e to help governments, organizations and individuals succeed by embracing differences, and to approach change with a positive and strategic focus.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5 PIECE 2013 has also arranged 4 technical visits ie. Port Of Tanjung Pelepas, Iskandar Malaysia, Penang Second Bridge and the Land and Transport Authority Singapore. I hope the delegates will take the time to participate in these technical visits to witness the scale of development and get a first hand view of the projects in place.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. Last but not least, I thank you for participating in this conference, all delegates, local and overseas, and I sincerely wish you have a wonderful stay in Malaysia. I also welcome you to take the time and opportunity to extend your stay and enjoy the warm hospitality of our diverse cultures and soak in the many sights and sounds of Malaysia.

With the recital word of Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, it is my pleasure to officially launch the closing ceremony of PIECE 2013.

Thank you.

Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalammualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh.