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**SkyWorld Quality Centre Official Ground Breaking Ceremony
SkyWorld Property Gallery, Setapak
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Yang Berhormat Dato' Ahmad Fauzi Bin Zahari, Ahli Parlimen Setiawangsa,

Yang Berbahagia Datuk Ng Thien Phing, Founder & Group MD of SkyWorld

Distinguished guests, valued media members and fellow colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh .

1. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Datuk Ng Thien Phing and SkyWorld for inviting me to officiate this ground-breaking ceremony and to deliver the keynote speech. Here I would also like to thank Yang Berhormat Dato' Ahmad Fauzi for accompanying me in witnessing the ground-breaking ceremony of the FIRST Quality Centre by SkyWorld in Malaysia!

2. It is indeed a privilege and pleasure for me to be here today and be part of SkyWorld's transformation journey. Indeed, SkyWorld is **BREAKING NEW GROUNDS** by kick-starting the first Quality Centre in Malaysia. This is commendable as it is in line with the the Ministry of Works current efforts and initiatives in transforming the construction industry.

3. In January 2016, we pledged that all government buildings will be built according to the standards of the Quality Assessment System in

Construction (QLASSIC) by the year 2018 in ensuring quality and reducing construction cost. We are proud to know that SkyWorld is embracing this practice by adopting QLASSIC as a selling point as we understand that quality of construction and material used are the main concerns amongst property buyers. It will also reduce or eliminate reconstruction and repair works which often leave purchasers no choice other than to remain optimistic and hoping that the workmanship and material used to construct their properties will be of acceptable quality.

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. I am confident if a developer or contractor uses the QLASSIC standards in getting it right the first time which will eliminate the elements of wastages and disputes.

5. Besides our QLASSIC pledge, we are also exercising other initiatives that are aligned with our vision of improving the people's prosperity, sustainability and supporting the development of our infrastructure to spur industrial development by embracing the following strategies :

- I. To embrace and adopt the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) which is the national agenda to transform the construction industry, we are to adopt the CITP with the primary objectives of transforming the construction industry to be highly productive, environmentally sustainable and globally competitive and focusing on safety and quality standards. In this regards, we must recognise that quality, safety and professionalism are primary prerequisites towards transforming the construction industry into a responsible, developed industry. When high accidents and fatalities rates, limited integration of health and safety in the work culture, poor quality buildings and collapsing infrastructure and delays in approvals of construction permits occurs, we must

systematically manage these issues that affects the supply chain of the industry that will stifle our national development agenda.

- II. To lead the Malaysian Carbon Reduction and Environmental Sustainability Tool or better known as **MyCREST** which is a building rating system that is being adopted in all public projects worth RM50 million and above. This system aims to guide, assist, quantify and hence reduce the built environment's impact in terms of reduced carbon emissions and environmental impact, while taking into account a more holistic life-cycle view of the built environment.
- III. And finally, we have the Industrialised Building System (IBS) a technique of construction whereby components such as wall, slab, beam, column and staircase are manufactured in a controlled environment, either on site or off site, placed and assembled into construction works. These are manufactured under strict quality control with minimal wet site activities in order to minimise resource wastage and enhance value for end users.

Ladies and gentlemen,

6. With a constellation of all our clear-cut and inventive programme above, we are certainly on the right track to help transform Malaysia to become a developed nation. One that is greener, more efficient and offers promising prospects for the people, for our business associates and investors.

7. Once again, I want to congratulate SkyWorld for **BREAKING NEW GROUNDS** and embracing the good professional quality practice which clearly demonstrates their commitments by investing RM3.8 million into this 10,000 square feet Quality Centre that is the first-of-its-kind in

Malaysia. I encourage other developers to follow suit and help us in building a better nation and quality of life for our people.

8. I also understand that SkyWorld is one of the biggest contributors of Rumah Mampu Milik Wilayah Persekutuan (RUMAWIP) in Kuala Lumpur. RUMAWIP, a government housing CSR programme which was founded to provide affordable homes for city dwellers. I am also proud to know that SkyWorld's popular SkyAwani affordable home series will also be in compliance with the QLASSIC standards and that the Ministry of Works together with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) will give the full support to SkyWorld in their quest to increase a higher quality standard.

On this note, it gives me great pleasure to officiate the commencement of the First Quality Centre by SkyWorld in Malaysia!

Thank you.