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**BY THE SENIOR MINISTER OF WORKS
AT REAM GALA DINNER**

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LUMPUR**

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Yang Berbahagia Datuk Wan Ahmad Uzir bin Haji Wan Sulaiman
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Yang Berbahagia Datuk Ir. Haji Mohamad Zulkefly bin Haji Sulaiman
Director General, Public Works Department, Malaysia

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Ir. Mohd. Shuhaimi bin Hassan
Director General, Malaysian Highway Authority

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Ir. Ahmad Asri bin Abdul Hamid
Chief Executive, Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia

Yang Berbahagia Datuk Seri Ir. Hasnur Rabiain bin Ismail and
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Joint Chairmen, REAM Gala Dinner Organising Committee

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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Salam Sejahtera

Praise be to Allah s.w.t. By His grace and mercy, we are able to gather this evening for this Gala Dinner organized by the Road Engineering Association of Malaysia (REAM).

Here I would like to thank REAM for inviting me to be with the “movers and shakers” of the road engineering and construction industry.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Awards. Without your sacrifices and contributions, REAM would not achieve what they planned over the years and make them a success.

We have experienced two major setbacks over the past two years, which is the Covid-19 pandemic that disrupted us economically and psychologically taking away lives and livelihood and the recent floods in December 2021 which caused immense damage to our infrastructure. We have weathered the storm and along the way learned many lessons in managing both biological and natural disasters. Hence, it is timely for REAM to organize the 11th Malaysian Road Conference & Exhibition (MRC) and International Road Federation Asia - Pacific Regional Congress which will be held from 11 to 13 October 2022 at the World Trade Centre , Kuala Lumpur with the theme - TOWARDS RESILIENT ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE.

From the lessons learned over the last 2 years, we will now have to be innovative and creative in adopting new methods and systems to do our business sustainably. The Ministry of Works has embarked on using e-Procurement in order to limit physical contact and reduce the risk of contracting the Covid-19 virus. This system will be integrated with other

systems currently being developed by other Ministries such as the GFMAS and e-Works which is in line with our objective of digitalization and embracing the industrial revolution 4.0 (IR4.0) for the construction industry.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We can no longer work in silos and must work collaboratively in synergising our efforts in building sustainable infrastructures. Roads to be built will need to be integrated with other systems such as the river basins, surrounding land use and development. Hence, there is a need to adopt sustainable development goals (SDG) to mitigate the risk of extensive damage to our infrastructure in the event of a natural disaster.

It is my sincere hope that this joint Conference and Congress will attract players from the road construction industry as there will be technical sessions, product exhibitions and technical site visits installed for you. This will be the best opportunity for those attending to keep abreast of the latest technologies, systems and methods, exchange ideas, learn from each other and network.

On that note, I wish all of you a happy and enjoyable evening.

Thank you