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Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh; Salam Sejahtera; and *a very good morning to:*

- **Datuk Ar. Ezumi Harzani**, President of Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM)
- **Ar. Dr. Tan Loke Mun**, Director of Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival 20/21 (KLAF)
- **Dato' Vincent Lim**, President of C.I.S
- **Ar. Alvin Lim**, Chairman of PAM Convention Committee
- PAM Council Members
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me begin by congratulating PAM and C.I.S for their sterling leadership in initiating a new digital platform parallel to the main ARCHIDEX exhibition. The ARCHIDEX Online is a platform that is envisaged to benefit thousands of stakeholders and businesses within the architecture and building industry in this digital era.

As you may all be aware, the building and construction industry has taken a massive hit due to the lockdowns since the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic in March 2020. It is for this reason that, the ARCHIDEX Online platform was conceived as a way forward for us to collectively navigate through the pandemic which has disrupted the way we use to operate.

Undeniably, infrastructure development is a critical driver of economic growth in developing countries like Malaysia. This is where the building and construction industry reinforces itself as the bedrock of our economy and has remained resilient through many challenges and disruptions. I believe we have to enter a new phase of rebuilding in a post-Covid 19 world in which the implementation of sustainable practices is crucial.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Adopting new technologies and innovating the way we work through a collaborative platform is pertinent, where borders are blurred and people can exchange information from different places in real-time in this globalised environment.

The Industrial Revolution 4.0 have since revolutionised the construction industry, for example through the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) where robots provide tremendous heavy lifting capabilities, Building Information Modelling (BIM) and many more cutting-edge digital technologies that are being adopted and deployed.

In short, the construction industry will have to reshape and change the way we work towards full-scale digitalisation within the ecosystem by adopting a mindset of agility towards embracing a new digital future.

ARCHIDEX Online comes at the right time as this platform aims to enable and empower businesses to be competitive through strategic partnerships and convenient sharing of information in order to enhance workflow and reach new markets.

As such, we must seize the challenges upon us and continue to build the future we aspire. Hence, I believe the ARCHIDEX Online platform can open the portal to a new world order of the building and construction industry stakeholders to glimpse into what the future holds and evolve in order to remain relevant.

I fervently urge all industry players from the architecture and building industry to come together with this one common goal and purpose of synergistic collaboration through ARCHIDEX and ARCHIDEX Online. I am confident we can move our country forward and work towards shared prosperity and inclusiveness inspite of the challenges before us.

Finally, I offer my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to those of you who have taken steps in embracing this new digital way of connecting, collaborating and creating new businessses and opportunities.

Thank you.