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**Venue : Grand Ballroom Sunway Resort
Hotel & Spa, Bandar Sunway, Petaling
Jaya**

Time : 8.00 p.m.

**Event : 38th Anniversary Dinner of Building
Materials Distributors Association of
Malaysia**

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Good Evening and Salam Satu Malaysia.

Exco Members of BMDAM,

Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. First of all, let me express my pleasure and honour in being here this evening at the Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia (BMDAM) 38th Anniversary Dinner where I am also given the opportunity to say a few words on this auspicious occasion.

2. I am pleased to note that since its establishment in 1976, BMDAM as the national association for companies engaged in supplying and distributing of building materials, has consistently strived to promote and protect the interests and rights of its members in the country.

3. It is also noteworthy that BMDAM has provided valuable inputs and feedbacks through regular dialogues with the Government since its inception and has brought about various reforms and transformation in complementing the Government's efforts in further developing and strengthening our construction industry.

4. Therefore, it is my greatest hope that BMDAM will continue to play this important role as an enabler and driver in pursuing our national agenda where quality and standards of building materials used are not compromised in the construction industry.

5. At the national level, let me stress that safety and health are of paramount importance and this is where suppliers, consultants, contractors and owners of projects play a vital role in ensuring these criterias are complied at all times.

6. With this in mind, I want to urge all members of BMDAM to put these elements high in their priority list when supplying and distributing materials so as to ensure a sustainable built environment and ultimately the construction industry and the Rakyat as a whole.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

7. The Malaysian construction industry remained robust in 2014 with the aggregate of high-level investments from the public and private sectors in infrastructure projects continuing to drive double-digit growth in the industry. This encouraging growth is largely contributed by several high impact projects which are part of the Government initiatives under the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) such as the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), Iskandar Nusajaya, Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development (RAPID) and West Coast Expressway.

8. Moving forward, the Malaysian economy in 2015 is expected to be on a steady growth trajectory of 5 to 6 percent despite of the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) which may have some impact on the construction industry initially but I am confident will eventually lessen over time.

9. As such, with the implementation of the GST, the first quarter of 2015 will undoubtedly witness the construction industry in a disorientated mode as the industry grapple to address the hike in prices.

10. On a more positive note, I believe the roll out of high impact infrastructure projects by the Government throughout 2015 will definitely pave the way for members of BMDAM to benefit from the supply chain of the construction industry one way or another.

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia on their 38th Anniversary and it is my sincere wish it will grow even stronger in the years to

come. Let us continue with this rich tradition of encapsulating our smart partnership with the Government, as we seek to grow our construction industry and bring greater development in our nation building journey.

With these words, I would like to thank the Building Materials Distributors Association of Malaysia and wish you every success in your future endeavour.

Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.