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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Good
Afternoon and Salam Satu Malaysia.

YAB Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak
Prime Minister of Malaysia

YB Datuk Rosnah binti Haji Abdul Rashid Shirlin
Deputy Minister of Works, Malaysia

YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ahmad Tajuddin bin Ali
Chairman of Construction Industry Development Board
(CIDB) Malaysia

YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ahmad Mustaffa bin Haji Babjee
Chairman of United Business Media (UBM) Malaysia

Your Excellencies,

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Yang Amat Berhormat

Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak

Prime Minister of Malaysia

Yang Berhormat

Dato' Sri Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof

Minister of Works Malaysia

Yang Berhormat

Datuk Rosnah Binti Haji Abdul Rashid

Deputy Minister of Works Malaysia

Yang Berbahagia

Dato' Sri Zohari Bin Haji Akob

Secretary General, Ministry of Works Malaysia

Yang Berbahagia

Dato' Sri Ir. Dr. Judin Abdul Karim

Chief Executive, CIDB Malaysia

Yang Berbahagia

Tan Sri Dato' Dr Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee

UBM Malaysia Sdn Bhd Chairman

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Government Officers, CIDB Management, Members of Media, Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalammualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatu, Salam Sejahtera dan Salam Sehati Sejiwa.

1. First and foremost, I would like to thank our Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak for graciously accepting the invitation to officiate the opening of the International Construction Week (ICW) 2015. It is indeed an honour for the construction industry to have the Prime Minister officiate the largest and most important annual event for the Southeast Asia construction industry. His presence here reaffirms the importance of the construction industry for Malaysia in driving the country towards becoming a developed and high income nation. On behalf of the construction industry, I

would like to thank the Prime Minister once again for his stewardship and unwavering support.

2. Let me also welcome all exhibitors, speakers and participants to the ICW 2015 to display their recent innovation, share their success stories and build new partnerships which incidentally is ICW's second year in collaborating with Ecobuild Southeast Asia.
3. Ecobuild Southeast Asia 2015 which will showcase sustainable designs, construction and built environment, are supported by three events namely **Green Build Asia, Solar Asia Expo** and **EcoLight Asia** which are in line with this year's ICW theme of **"Building a Greener Future"** which advocates the adoption of green technologies and innovations.
4. Apart from a myriad of displays and showcases, ICW

has put together experts from a variety of backgrounds to address issues facing both the local and international construction industry. The seminars cover a multitude of topics which are divided into the many areas of construction namely building, infrastructure, energy and power.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. For the first time ever, the ASEAN Construction Summit is held concurrently in this ICW among which is to identify critical issues in achieving the industry's sustainable growth and determine the future direction of the ASEAN construction industry. Meanwhile, two (2) congregations, the KUBINA 2015 and AWAM International Conference in Civil Engineering 2015 (ECO-AICEE 2015) will also be held simultaneously.

6. The KUBINA 2015 (Konvensyen Usahanita Binaan)

with this year's theme of “ Empowering Women in Construction” is a convention which pulls together female professionals in the construction industry in recognising their contributions and encourage higher participation.

7. While the ECO–AICEE 2015 with the theme “Propelling the Nation's Competitiveness through Sustainable Infrastructure” is a platform for professionals from the industrial sectors, public organisations, research institution and universities to discuss issues and formulate recommendations where sustainable infrastructure is concerned.
8. Other conferences running in the ICW are the International Building Information Modelling Conference, Construction Contract Management Conference for Built Environment and the Institution of Fire Engineers Conference 2015.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. The ICW 2015 in serving as the platform to forge new business partnerships and matching sessions will witness the CIDB alongside Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) organising sessions on incoming buying missions. Another session to be organised by the European Union–Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EUMCCI) and CIDB will see business matching in tapping the potential for European engineering, architectural and quantity surveying services for the Malaysian construction industry. These business matching sessions serve as good opportunities for Malaysian companies to collaborate and answer to the call for Internationalisation which is one of the thrust of the Construction Industry Transformation

Programme (CITP).

Ladies and gentlemen,

10. With all the excitement of the possibility of new businesses that spurs from new innovations and partnerships, the Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA) is yet another highlight in ICW 2015 to applaud the outstanding efforts of companies and individuals in supporting the local construction industry.

11. ICW 2015 also promotes the industry to local job seekers through the CIDB Career Fair which aims to expose the general public to job opportunities in the industry. The Malaysian construction industry which is heading towards high quality human capital whereby the workforce requirement will no longer be low-skilled labour but will undergo a transformation which will create demand for highly skilled and competent

workers of the future.

Ladies and gentlemen,

12. I am personally excited with the programmes lined up for ICW 2015 and hope that the event generates as much opportunities and benefits as it does excitement.

13. Before I end, I would like to thank the organising teams for their untiring hard work and our partners from the various Ministries, Government agencies, Institute of Higher learning, research organisations and private sector for the support that was rendered. May this installation of International Construction Week prove to be more impactful than the previous and propel Malaysia towards achieving the vision that we all aspire.

Thank you.