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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It is with great honour for me to be invited to officiate the *Quantity Surveying International Convention 2016 (QSIC 2016)* today. Here I would like to record my appreciation to the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia (BQSM), Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) , Public Works Department Malaysia (PWD) , Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) and Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia (LLM) for their joint efforts in organising this international convention.
2. Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate all recipients of the *BQSM excellence awards*, including *Anugerah Inspirasi* for young Registered QS and ***Anugerah Elite***, a newly introduced award for outstanding senior Registered QS. I also applaud BQSM's efforts in unrelentlessly maintaining their ISO certification which is vital in establishing their status as the authority of the industry.
3. This convention of the 15th series of Quantity Surveying National and International Conventions organised annually by the BQSM, which is aptly themed ***"Thriving amidst the storm"*** reflects the challenges and competitive complex environment of the global market place. Therefore, the need to strengthen our capabilities and capacities, enhancing competencies and professionalism through synergising innovation and advance technologies and sustainability are critical if we are to remain relevant in this globalised environment. We will have to quickly equip ourselves

with the necessary skills to face the challenges in achieving excellence at all levels of the value chain by positioning the industry through improved services and expanding internationally.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. In addition to globalisation, Malaysia with 11 other countries recently signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) which is set to expand markets, reduce tariffs and promote free trade. The TPPA which is aimed at promoting economic integration to liberalise trade and investments, spur economic growth and social benefits are expected to create new opportunities for workers and businesses which in turn will raise the living standards of 800 million people in this region through consumerism and sustainable growth.
5. In this regards, the construction sector which forms a large part of the economy plays a significant role in aggregating the economy in terms of its contribution to revenue generation, capital formation and employment creation which ultimately increase the gross domestic product (GDP) and socio-economic development of the country. Therefore the increase in private sector investments in this economic uncertainties are vital as it plays an important role in helping Malaysia achieve high income and developed nation status by 2020.
6. With the TPPA, it is time for Malaysian contractors and professionals to step up their game by competing with foreign contractors and consultants to deliver products and services that

are of global standards which conforms and comply with international certifications of quality and performance.

7. Consequently, the Government being vigilant of the challenges that lies ahead of the construction industry, have proactively through the Ministry of Works Malaysia and its agency the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) developed the *Construction Industry Transformation Programme* (CITP) to transform the construction industry by 2020 that encompasses 4 strategic thrusts namely Quality, Safety and Professionalism, Environmental Sustainability, Productivity, and Internationalisation. Each of the thrusts seeks to transform and improve the public and international image of the industry which represents a major step forward in streamlining the construction industry and preparing it for a leap forward thus preparing Malaysia's construction industry at the global level.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. I believe the way forward for all construction industry players including the Quantity Surveying profession in the global landscape, is to embark on capacity building and talent development. This will require us to move beyond frontiers to increase the number of professionals to meet the expectations and demands for this important service in the industry. I am happy to note that the BQSM has already taken the first step for this initiative through their collaborations with local universities on the *Programme For Registration Scheme 2016* with the objective of

encouraging all Quantity Surveying graduates to be part of the professional agenda.

9. I am confident the QSIC 2016 is an excellent platform for all quantity surveyors to think through the challenges confronting the profession as well as providing networking opportunities for professionals from different parts of the world. I hope you will all have a beneficial and fruitful discussion during this two-day convention and that this meeting of minds will help you find your mark in strengthening and empowering the Quantity Surveying profession for the benefit of the nation.
10. On that note, it now gives me great pleasure to declare the Quantity Surveying International Convention 2016 open.

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah. Wassalamualaikum.