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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Good Morning and Salam Sehati Sejiwa

1. YB Datuk Rosnah Bte Abdul Rashid Shirlin
Deputy Minister of Works Malaysia
2. Y.Bhg. Dato' Sr Abdull Manaf Bin Haji Hashim
President, Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia
3. YBhg Dato' Sr Sri Kandan s/o Kanagainthiram
President, Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia
4. YBhg Tan Sri Dato'Sri Prof Ir Dr Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar
Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Mara
5. Datuk Ir Adanan bin Mohamed Hussaini
Director General, Public Works Department, Malaysia
6. Tan Sri Arshad Ayub
Board Member, Universiti Teknologi MARA
7. Chairman and the Organising Committee of QSIC 2015

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with great pleasure and honour for me to welcome all participants to the Quantity Surveying International Convention 2015. I would also like to congratulate the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia (BQSM), Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Public Works Department Malaysia for their joint efforts in organising this convention.

The organisers have carefully chosen a relevant theme , "Empowering the Profession Beyond Frontiers" amidst a challenging and competitive environment. Therefore elements in enhancing competencies; professionalism through synergising innovation and advance technology and broad base integrity becomes crucial for us to move beyond borders in achieving excellence at all levels of the value chain. A cutting edge profession will need to position itself through new and improved services as we enter this phase of a liberalised global landscape.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the amendments to the Quantity Surveying Act that liberates the professional services globally, I urge all relevant stakeholders in the industry to collaborate and form partnership in order to empower our built environment profession particularly the QS Profession to remain competitive. By embarking on capacity building and talent development , I believe is the way forward as we move beyond frontiers to increase the number of professionals to meet the expectations and demands for this important service.

I understand that Quantity Survey graduates are now increasingly involved in areas for example oil and gas; telecommunication; manufacturing and finance which opens the way for Quantity Surveyors to venture into non traditional sectors of building and construction.

Therefore I am hopeful this convention will provide the avenue for sharing of knowledge and innovative ideas amongst Quantity Surveyors and other professionals towards fulfilling future demands and challenges in creating new jobs and economic opportunities of growth for global sustainability.

Ladies and gentlemen,

At this juncture, I would like to emphasise that the nurturings of minds in shifting mindsets in this convention is vital as we embrace a paradigm shift in the way we operate and execute programs due to the complexities that affects us in ways we do not expect for example climate change, natural disasters and economic vulnerabilities. The eventual outcome of which is the transformation of the profession in producing productive, innovative and responsible professionals. Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate all the recipients of the Board of Quantity Surveyor Malaysia's Awards.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome once again and wish you every success in your deliveries at the convention.

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah. Wassalamualaikum