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Distinguished guests,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

A very Good Morning.

1. It is a great honour to welcome all of you to the first-ever **Malaysia Road Maintenance Congress (MRMC)** held in conjunction with **MY-ASEAN Roads & Traffic Tech Expo (My-ARTTE) 2025**, the inaugural event of its kind in Malaysia and the ASEAN region. This landmark occasion, organised with the Ministry of Works Malaysia as the strategic partner, marks a historic step forward in how we, as a region, reimagine the future of roads, traffic management, and maintenance powered by technology, collaboration, and shared aspiration.
2. This is not merely an industry gathering but a **vision-setting moment**. A moment for us, as a nation and as a region, to reimagine how we **design, manage, and sustain mobility** in a world shaped by technology and innovation.
3. The landscape of infrastructure is evolving faster than ever before. We are witnessing a global shift from traditional road building to **smart, data-driven, technology-powered ecosystems** that make infrastructure safer, greener, and more efficient.
4. Thus, I am extremely glad that My-ARTTE 2025 successfully unites the brightest minds from across ASEAN, policymakers, engineers, and innovators, to discuss how emerging technologies can reshape the way we move, connect, and build.
5. Hosting this event during Malaysia's chairmanship of ASEAN is both symbolic and strategic. It signals that **Malaysia is not just participating in this transformation but we are leading it**, by positioning technology at the heart of infrastructure policy and national development.
6. At the centre of this milestone event lies the **Malaysia Road Maintenance Convention (MRMC)**, an initiative that reflects our Ministry's deep commitment to ensuring that our nation's roads remain safe, resilient, and future-ready.

Ladies and gentlemen,

7. Malaysia's road network today extends over **260,000 kilometres**, and we can proudly say that it **stands among the most well-maintained in the ASEAN region**. This achievement is built on decades of commitment by Department of Works (JKR), Malaysian Highway Authority (LLM), and our highway concessionaires, guided by forward-thinking policies from the Ministry of Works.
8. During the recent ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, a photo posted by the Press Secretary of the U.S. President Donald Trump went viral across social media. It showed the President's motorcade gliding along one of our highways, accompanied by many comments highlighting the smoothness, cleanliness, and beauty of Malaysia's infrastructure.
9. ***That simple post, viewed by millions globally, reminded the world and our-selves, that Malaysia has built something exceptional. It reminded us that our hard work, innovation, and discipline in infrastructure development have not gone unnoticed internationally. But more importantly, it serves as a motivation to do even better. We take pride in what we have achieved, but we must also have the courage to reimagine, reform, and reinforce. Because maintenance is not merely about roads — it is about national dignity, safety, and future readiness.***
10. With that in mind, the Ministry has also taken bold steps to translate this spirit of collaboration into action through MyJalan — a nationwide citizen engagement platform that empowers the rakyat to play an active role in maintaining our roads. What began as a simple reporting app has grown into a movement that unites communities, government agencies, and local authorities under one shared mission: to ensure safer and better roads for all. Since its launch, tens of thousands of issues have been reported and resolved, proving that when technology meets public participation, impact happens at scale.
11. Beyond its function as a mobile platform, MyJalan symbolises a culture of shared responsibility — a reflection of our belief that road maintenance is not just the duty of government agencies but a collective national effort. It embodies the “whole-of-nation” approach we are driving across all levels of infrastructure management — harnessing data, transparency, and civic pride to strengthen Malaysia's maintenance ecosystem from federal highways to village roads.

Ladies and gentlemen,

12. Technology is no longer a tool of convenience; it is the **foundation of resilience**. It allows us to detect weaknesses before they fail, manage assets before they deteriorate, and plan infrastructure that adapts to the environment and demand.
13. Through the **National ITS Blueprint 2030**, Malaysia is accelerating the integration of **smart transport systems, real-time data monitoring, and AI-driven maintenance solutions** into the national network. We are also advancing sustainable engineering using **eco-friendly materials, recycled asphalt, and energy-efficient construction**, ensuring our infrastructure supports both economic and environmental goals. This is how we future-

proof Malaysia's infrastructure: by letting **technology drive intelligence, and intelligence drive progress.**

14. As we move forward, the Ministry of Works has outlined three strategic priorities that will shape the next decade of our infrastructure policy:
- **Digital Integration** – Mainstreaming AI and data analytics in all aspects of road design, maintenance, and performance tracking.
 - **Sustainable Engineering** – Embedding green technologies and materials that align with Malaysia's low-carbon commitments.
 - **Collaborative Innovation** – Strengthening partnerships between government, academia, and the private sector to accelerate digital adoption.
15. These priorities are more than administrative goals — they are our **national direction** toward building a modern, technology-enabled maintenance ecosystem. We aim for Malaysia to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with other leading developing nations that are transforming their infrastructure through innovation and intelligence.

Ladies and gentlemen,

16. Transformation requires unity across agencies, across sectors, and across borders. The Ministry of Works, together with **JKR, LLM, PSKLM**, and our private partners, are adopting a **whole-of-government and whole-of-nation approach** to ensure that innovation reaches every level of the road ecosystem from highways to village roads, from planners to practitioners. Because in the end, our roads are not just physical pathways, they are **lifelines of the nation**, connecting people, economies, and communities.
17. Before I close, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all organisers, exhibitors, and participants of **My-ARTTE 2025 and MRMC**. Today, we reaffirm a powerful truth, that Malaysia's strength lies not only in the roads we have built, but in our **courage to innovate, our discipline to maintain, and our determination to lead.**
18. Together, let us continue to **engineer Malaysia's future** — a future where every road is smarter, every journey safer, and every system more sustainable. Because when technology and vision move together, there is no road too long, and no dream too distant.
19. With great pride and optimism for the future of intelligent and sustainable mobility, I hereby officiate the launch of the **Malaysia Road Maintenance Convention (MRMC)**, and **MY-ASEAN Roads & Traffic Tech Expo 2025.**

Thank you.