

DRAFT SPEECH

LAUNCHING OF WEEK 22 EXPO 2025 OSAKA “ENERGISING SUSTAINABILITY, ASPIRING LIVES”

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I am honoured to address the launching of this remarkable week-22 of the Expo 2025, carrying the theme “Energising Sustainability, Aspiring Lives”. Firstly, allow me to congratulate the government of Japan for organising, facilitating and bringing together hundreds of participating countries and agencies to this grand forum.

As the host for Week-22 at the Malaysia Pavilion, the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability present a real opportunity to businesses and the public alike; to see, experience and learn what Malaysia has to offer in its efforts to strike the right balance between sustainability and economic development.

Malaysia’s vision for a low carbon energy future is clear. We aim to increase the share of renewable energy in our energy mix from 40% in 2035 to 70% by the year 2050. These targets are ambitious but achievable, and they reflect our determination to build a sustainable and resilient energy system.

To achieve these goals, we continue to invest in research and development, support innovation in green technologies, and ensure that our policies and regulations create an enabling environment for the growth of the low carbon energy sector. Public awareness and education also plays a critical role in driving the adoption of clean energy technologies.

Sustainability begins with water. Every family, every industry and every community depends on it. In Malaysia, clean and reliable water supply has transformed lives and enabled growth. Malaysia continuously strives to play an active role in advancing the global vision of ensuring equitable access for safe water and sanitation both domestically and in the global arena. This may be achieved by improving the resilience of water and sanitation services while safeguarding our ecosystems.

Currently, we are gearing up efforts in transforming our water governance in accordance with global best practices, ensuring that the water management framework is transparent, efficient, and attractive to investors. On that note, we have laid out the Water Sector Transformation Roadmap 2040, or AIR 2040, to sustain water services for decades ahead.

AIR 2040's game-changing strategy which focuses on critical elements such as principles of governance reform, water-energy-food nexus integration, digitalisation, and climate resilience is in line with international best practices and sustainability goals.

Malaysia is a unique country with a wealth of rich natural resources some of which are priceless and irreplaceable. Malaysia is committed to ensure that forests and biodiversity in the country are maintained. One of Malaysia's focuses is the implementation of greening programme and enhance forest conservation through tree planting activities, rehabilitation and restoration of degraded forest areas.

As chair of ASEAN in 2025, Malaysia is committed to steering the region towards greater integration, resilience, and prosperity. Malaysia's ambitions for energy transition during its ASEAN Chairmanship is to translate green and renewable energy into a collective ASEAN commitment to ensure environmental sustainability across the region. A key priority is the expansion and enhancement of the APG, a regional initiative to interconnect electricity networks among member states.

Over the next 4 days, visitors will be able to engage not only with the officials from the Ministry, but also with the group of business delegation from Malaysia. I am glad that the business delegation from Malaysia throughout the week is represented by many reputable companies; some which are multinational corporations. I believe this will serve as a great opportunity and beginning for forging partnerships and establish collaboration. It is now the task of the Malaysian delegates to ensure that the week turns out to be a fruitful one.

With this, I officially launch the Week 22 of the Expo 2025 Osaka with the theme “Energising Sustainability and Aspiring Lives”.

Thank you.