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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Salam Malaysia MADANI and a very good morning.

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Exhibitors, Members of the Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. First and foremost, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to the organisers for successfully convening the **3rd Sustainability Environment Asia (SEA) Conference 2025**. Your commitment to advancing meaningful dialogue on sustainability is truly commendable.

***“The major key to your better future is you.” - Jim Rohn
Indeed, by gathering here today, each of us becomes a
co-creator of a more sustainable future.***

2. We gather at a defining moment for humanity. Across the world, the impacts of climate change are no longer distant forecasts — they are lived realities that shape our economies, our communities, and our very way of life.

3. This is a reminder that sustainability is not merely a policy pursuit, but a **moral responsibility**. It is about stewardship, caring for what we have been entrusted with.

“The Earth is not ours; it is a trust we hold for those who come after us.”

4. I am encouraged that this year’s SEA focuses on **ESG, water, and carbon** — three pillars that define not only the future of our industries, but the wellbeing of our people and planet.
5. In 2015, Malaysia joined the global community in adopting the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, committing to 17 Goals and 169 targets. Yet, as the **2025 SDG Progress Report** reveals, only 35% of targets are on track.
6. For the **Asia-Pacific region**, home to 60% of the world’s population, the path ahead is steep. But it is also full of opportunities — **to innovate, to collaborate, and to transform**.

7. To succeed, we must move forward not in silos but as partners, uniting governments, industries, and communities under one shared purpose.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. Malaysia's transition is guided by a principle we call the **Energy Trilemma** — ensuring that energy remains **secure, affordable, and sustainable**.

9. Under the **National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR)**, we are on course to achieve **70% renewable energy in installed capacity by 2050**.

10. But beyond targets, our mission is to create a transformation that uplifts lives and strengthens national resilience.

11. The **2026 National Budget** reinforces this through policy reforms, incentives, and programmes such as **Corporate Green Power Program (CGPP), Corporate Renewable Energy Supply Scheme (CRESS), and**

Large-Scale Solar (LSS) PETRA 5+, which are accelerating renewable energy deployment and investment confidence.

12. I am pleased to share that Malaysia has **exceeded its 2025 renewable energy target** ahead of schedule — a strong signal of our momentum and resolve.

13. Our approach is pragmatic. We are expanding solar, hydro, waste-to-energy, and green hydrogen solutions, supported by energy storage and the potential role of nuclear under the **13th Malaysia Plan** — all while maintaining natural gas as a transition fuel.

In the words of the late Tun Abdul Razak:

“Progress is not achieved by chance, but by the courage to move forward with purpose.”

14. And it is with that same courage that Malaysia continues to move forward — not waiting for change, but leading it; not merely adapting to the future, but shaping it through vision, unity, and unwavering resolve.

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15. Water is the essence of life — and the foundation of all economic activity.
16. Malaysia aspires to become a **regional centre of excellence in water management by 2040**, driven by innovation, digitalisation, and skilled talent.
17. We have reached **97.1% clean water and sanitation coverage in rural areas**, nearing our goal of full access — ensuring that no community is left behind.
18. As our nation evolves into a **regional data centre hub**, we are proactively managing high water usage by:
 - Reviewing tariff structures for heavy industries; and
 - Promoting recycled water and district cooling technologies.
19. This ensures that growth remains responsible and sustainability remains at the heart of progress.

20. Malaysia's **ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025**, under the theme ***“Inclusivity and Sustainability”*** — reflects the spirit of this region: unity through diversity, and growth through shared responsibility.
21. We are honoured to welcome **Timor-Leste as ASEAN's 11th member**, enriching our community with greater cultural and economic diversity.
22. Among our key priorities is advancing the **Enhanced ASEAN Power Grid (APG)**, a milestone towards an interconnected ASEAN energy market powered by renewables.
23. At **AMEM-43**, ASEAN member states reaffirmed our 2030 aspirations:
- 40% reduction in energy intensity,
 - 30% renewable share in Total Primary Energy Supply, and
 - 45% renewable share in installed power capacity.
24. These ambitions position ASEAN to rise as the **world's fourth-largest economy by 2030** — one built

not only on growth, but on shared sustainability and resilience.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

25. The path to sustainability demands courage, consistency, and compassion. It is not a race against each other — **but a journey together towards a better tomorrow.**

26. Governments can set the direction, but the transformation must be driven by **partnerships**, between public and private sectors, between knowledge and action, between ambition and empathy.

27. I call upon every business leader, policymakers, industry players and community leaders to work hand in hand — **to make sustainability not just a goal to pursue, but the lens through which we see, decide, and define our shared destiny.**

28. Let us build a Malaysia, and a region, where progress uplifts humanity, where prosperity honours the planet, and where every generation inherits a future brighter than the one before.

29. With lafaz Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, it is my great honour to **declare the 3rd Sustainability Environment Asia (SEA) Conference 2025 officially open.**

30. May today's dialogue inspire new ideas, bold actions, and enduring partnerships for a greener and more sustainable tomorrow.

Thank you.

Wabillahi taufiq walhidayah, wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.