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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,
Salam Sejahtera, Salam Malaysia MADANI and a very Good Morning.

(SALUTATIONS)

Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Arthur Joseph Kurup, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability;

Yang Berhormat Tuan Nga Kor Ming,
Minister of Housing and Local Government, President of the UN-Habitat Assembly, Chairman of the National Circular Economy Council

Yang Berhormat Tuan Syed Ibrahim bin Syed Noh,
Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability;

Yang Berbahagia Datuk Nor Yahati binti Awang,
Deputy secretary general (Environmental Sustainability) Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability;

Your Excellency Heads of Diplomatic Missions in Malaysia;

**Heads of Departments and Senior Federal Officer from
Federal and State Governments;**

Strategic Partners;

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. Alhamdulillah. All praise be to Allah SWT, whose grace and blessings have brought us together in Kuala Lumpur for the opening of the **17th International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia, or IGEM 2026**, held alongside the **Kuala Lumpur Sustainability Summit, or KLSS 2026**.
2. We gather today with a shared responsibility: to turn the promise of a sustainable future into real progress for our nations and our people.
3. To our international delegates, innovators, investors and policymakers, Selamat Datang. Malaysia is honoured to host you.

4. To our fellow ministers, industry leaders, civil society representatives and partners across Malaysia, thank you for standing with us. Your presence says what we already believe: a cleaner, more resilient and more prosperous future cannot be built alone. We build it together, through trust, cooperation and a shared purpose.
5. I also wish to thank, the **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability and the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation**, together with their strategic partners, for bringing these two important platforms to life.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. Over the past sixteen years, IGEM has grown into one of Southeast Asia's leading platforms for green technology and sustainable business. That growth belongs to everyone who has taken part. **Its true value lies in the connections it creates: between innovators and markets, enterprises and investors, and national ambitions and regional opportunities.**

7. Through sustained international participation, IGEM continues to strengthen Malaysia's position as a gateway for green investment, technology cooperation and commercial partnerships.
8. This year's theme, **"Race Towards Net Zero: Action Beyond Boundaries,"** captures both the urgency of our challenge and the scale of our responsibility.
9. Climate change recognises no borders. Across our region, floods, prolonged heat, coastal erosion and pressures on water and food security remind us that the consequences are already being felt in our communities. Every delay carries a cost, and it is often the most vulnerable who pay it.
10. Our response must move with greater purpose, turning commitments into action that protects lives, strengthens livelihoods and safeguards the future.
11. This is where IGEM and KLSS have a vital and complementary role. IGEM connects green technologies with

the businesses, investors and markets that can bring them into wider use.

12. KLSS brings policymakers, financial institutions and international partners together to build the cooperation and policy clarity that progress depends on. Together, these platforms can bridge the distance between ambition and implementation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. The green transition must create opportunities for enterprises of every size. **Our micro, small and medium enterprises, or MSMEs, are the backbone of Malaysia's economic strength. They provide jobs, sustain communities and contribute to industrial supply chains. They must have a meaningful place in the industries of the future.**

14. ***Our nation's founding generation understood this well. Tun Abdul Razak believed that development is only meaningful when it reaches ordinary people, in every***

village and every household. That belief is the heart of what we are doing here.

15. By connecting local enterprises with technology providers, financing partners and international buyers, IGEM can help them strengthen their capabilities, reach new markets and take part more confidently in the global green economy.
16. **Through business matching and initiatives such as the MyHIJAU Mark, we are helping Malaysian enterprises demonstrate the environmental credentials of their products and services.** Businesses also need practical support to improve resource efficiency, meet market requirements and adopt appropriate technologies.
17. Our ambition is to nurture Malaysian enterprises that innovate, compete and grow. When local businesses succeed in the green economy, the benefits reach workers, families and communities across the country.
18. Access to finance is essential to making this ambition real. Through instruments such as the **Green Technology Financing Scheme 5.0** and the **Green Investment Tax**

Allowance, we continue to support green investment and enterprise development.

19. These measures must be matched by sound project preparation, credible assessment and effective implementation, so that capital flows to projects that are commercially viable and environmentally responsible.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

20. These efforts are part of a larger journey: building a competitive, resilient and inclusive economy. We are guided by the **MADANI Economy framework, the National Energy Transition Roadmap, the New Industrial Master Plan 2030, our Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy and the Thirteenth Malaysia Plan.**

21. Through them, we are advancing green growth alongside industrial transformation. Decarbonisation is an opportunity to strengthen competitiveness, attract quality investment and create skilled employment.

Above all, it must improve the wellbeing of our people and prepare our economy for the challenges ahead.

22. Malaysia's commitment is also reflected in our **Third Nationally Determined Contribution, or NDC 3.0**. We aim to achieve an absolute emissions reduction of **15 to 30 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2035** from our peak emissions level.

23. This comprises an unconditional reduction of up to **20 million tonnes, with a further 10 million tonnes** conditional upon international support through climate finance, technology transfer and capacity building.

These figures reflect our determination to act, and they remind us how much effective global cooperation can unlock greater ambition. In pursuing this commitment, Malaysia remains firmly guided by a just and equitable energy transition.

24. Countries have different starting points, economic structures and development needs. We must reduce emissions while safeguarding energy security, affordability and livelihoods.

The transition must proceed in an orderly manner, with people's wellbeing at its centre.

25. Malaysia's national **Marginal Abatement Cost Curve** offers an important basis for prioritising action. Approximately **70 per cent** of the assessed emissions reduction potential can be achieved through measures with negative or low abatement costs.

26. This gives us a practical foundation for accelerating progress, even as we recognise that harder-to-abate activities will need greater investment and more advanced technologies.

27. **Through the National Carbon Market Policy and platforms such as IGEM, we can strengthen cooperation between technology providers, project developers and investors, turning identified opportunities into projects with measurable outcomes.**

28. At the international level, Malaysia continues to uphold the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities. A fair transition requires climate finance that is **accessible, technology cooperation that**

builds local capabilities, and partnerships that recognise development needs.

29. This spirit of cooperation matters just as much within ASEAN. **Building on the momentum of Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025, we remain committed to advancing regional electricity connectivity through the ASEAN Power Grid.**

30. Initiatives such as the **Lao PDR–Thailand–Malaysia–Singapore Power Integration Project and Energy Exchange Malaysia, or ENEGEM**, support this direction.

31. Stronger interconnections can help our region make better use of renewable resources, strengthen energy security and expand opportunities for clean electricity trade.

Realising that potential will take sustained investment, coordinated regulation and, above all, trust among regional partners.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

32. At the heart of this transformation are our people. As industries evolve, we must equip our workforce with the skills to participate and progress. Technical and Vocational Education and Training, university–industry collaboration and opportunities for reskilling must respond to the needs of emerging green industries.

Tun Abdul Razak spoke often of education as the foundation of a nation's future, and the surest way to lift a people. That conviction guides us still. We want our young people to help design, develop and improve the technologies that will shape our future.

33. A strong talent pipeline will let Malaysia build greater technological capability, while ensuring that the transition opens pathways to meaningful, skilled employment.

34. Digital innovation will also play an increasingly important role. Artificial intelligence, data analytics and smart automation can improve grid management, strengthen energy efficiency and support better decisions across industries. **Used responsibly, these tools can help us achieve more with fewer resources.**

35. We must also ensure that the infrastructure supporting digital growth uses energy and water efficiently. By aligning digital development with sustainability, Malaysia can strengthen both its capacity to innovate and the resilience of its economy.

36. Delivering these ambitions requires a whole-of-nation commitment. Government must provide clear direction and effective coordination. Industry must invest and innovate.

37. Financial institutions must support credible projects, while research institutions develop solutions suited to our needs. State governments and local communities must be engaged as true partners in implementation.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

38. The spirit of working as one is nothing new to Malaysians. It echoes the national ideal of unity that Tunku Abdul Rahman and our founding leaders held so dear: that a diverse people, standing together, can achieve what none could achieve alone.

39. IGEM and KLSS bring these many perspectives into one room. Our responsibility is to ensure that this collaboration continues beyond this venue, with clear ownership, sustained follow-through and results that people can see and experience.

40. Over the next three days, I invite every one of you to approach these platforms with purpose and a commitment to delivery. Let our discussions lead to investment decisions. Let our innovations find pathways to deployment.

The future we seek will be shaped by the decisions we make today. Together, let us build a greener Malaysia and a more sustainable region, worthy of the hopes of the generations who will inherit it.

41. With Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, it is my honour to declare the International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia 2026 and the Kuala Lumpur Sustainability Summit 2026 officially open.

Thank you. Terima kasih.

**Wabillahi taufiq wal hidayah, wassalamu'alaikum
warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.**