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Message from Tan Sri A.Wahab Nawawi, Executive Chairman, Huswah Exhibition Sdn Bhd

WE are very honoured to have been given the opportunity by the Government to organise the Maritime Division of LIMA '97.

With the tremendous support of the Government and through relentless marketing efforts, we succeeded in presenting a very respectable profile especially considering that it is our maiden effort.

Our strategy is to showcase the maritime industry and its application and relevancy in the development of nations especially in the Southeast Asia maritime region.

We are indeed very pleased with the response that we have received from both the national and international companies.

LIMA '97 Maritime Division will see participation from 238 companies representing 23 countries.

With participating vessels numbering 112, the maritime division is poised to become one of the largest of its kind in the world.

The presence of 44 warships which include four submarines, a cruiser, frigates and fast attack craft, and a number of megayachts is an endorsement of the status of the Maritime Division of LIMA '97.

The inaugural Malaysia Challenge, a world-class match sailing championship is organised during LIMA '97 to add stature to the exhibition and to draw the attention of the Malaysian public and the world to Langkawi.

The Malaysia Challenge will bring together the very best sailors in the world to race in full view of the spectators at Awana Langkawi Island Resort in a knock-out format or in our language lawan pukul mati.

Finally I would like to thank the Honourable Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his vision and support and his efforts in guiding us.

Our appreciation is also directed to the Honourable Minister of Defence Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, the Defence Ministry, the Royal Malaysian Navy, the Royal Malaysian Police, the Kedah State Government, LADA and all the committees and organisations that have rendered endless assistance and advice.

Selamat datang, terima kasih.

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