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### FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia for its excellent effort in compiling the speeches of the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia on two very important issues regarding forestry and the environment.

The increasing attention by the world community on environment and sustainable development is apparent through the various initiatives adopted either regionally or globally. The most significant of these was the United Nations' Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 where numerous decisions and conventions to safe-guard the environment were formally adopted and subsequently ratified by participating nations. Amongst these are Agenda 21, the Non-Legally Binding Authoritative Statements of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests, Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Malaysia is indeed committed to undertake follow-up actions to fully implement the various decisions and conventions agreed upon during UNCED. Malaysia's commitment to sustainable development can be seen in the various initiatives of the Right Honourable Prime Minister.

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