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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, and Salam Sejahtera.

Saya bersyukur ke hadrat Allah S.W.T. kerana dengan limpah kurnia dan keizinan-Nya dapat kita bersamasama berkumpul untuk majlis malam ini.

Memandangkan terdapat ramai tetamu antarabangsa pada malam ini, izinkan saya meneruskan ucapan dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Respected members of the audience,

3. We have now arrived at the pinnacle of the GLOBAL HALAL SUMMIT 2019 after spending three exciting days at the various programmes of GHaS 2019.

Alhamdulillah, All Praise be to Allah, we are given the opportunity to gather here on this blessed and beautiful night.

4. I am pleased to have been informed that the objectives of the GLOBAL HALAL SUMMIT 2019 have been successfully achieved due to the full support and presence of all agencies and especially with the attendance of all our distinguished international guests.

Alhamdulillah, All Praise be to Allah.

5. This event offers a great platform for the halal industry's brightest minds and passionate certification professionals from all over the world to gather.

6. The Halal industry certification we know today evolved from a simple letter that certified a product is halal to the certification we have today.

Malaysia's multireligious population made it necessary for the introduction of halal standards and certification.

Since then, Malaysia has received numerous commendations for its halal knowledge and certification know-how.

Not only is the Malaysian halal brand now recognised globally, its recognition is also sought after by other halal bodies worldwide.

This was also evident during my recent visit to France where the rector of the Grand Mosque of Paris and the president of the French Council of Muslim Faith requested for Malaysia to accredit and recognise their halal certification.

7. The Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) upholds the Maqasid Syariah in all of its efforts and that of its partners, to ensure the protection of halal consumers not only in Malaysia, but also regionally and globally.

We, in Malaysia, take this amanah or responsibility very seriously as it safeguards the welfare of not just Malaysia's majority Muslim population, but also that of the Ummah at large, and the Muslim community worldwide.

Respected members of the audience,

8. I like the concept of Halalan Toyyiban, which is a comprehensive concept that explains what is allowed and permissible for consumption in compliance with Shariah law.

Compliance with this would also mean the animals whose meat we consume are treated mercifully during their slaughter.

Allah S.W.T provided us these animals as food, transport, for the use of farming and even the making of clothing.

As such, we are forever grateful to Allah S.W.T for all these gifts. Halalan Toyyiban also means that the food and drink we consume comply with hygiene standards and are of a certain quality.

Of course, just because the food is halal does not mean we have to over-consume.

We have to always bear in mind that there are our fellow Muslim brothers and sisters out there who are less fortunate.

9. Besides fulfilling the Shariah requirements on Halal, which is a must for Muslims, the elements of safety, wholesomeness, cleanliness, nutrients and quality play a significant role in determining the Toyibban assurance of the food or products.

10. The Halal certification is a symbol of value.

11. It not only works as an assurance to verify the product's conformity to Islamic dietary laws but also ensures that it comprises with elements such as health and cleanliness.

12. As such, the halal certificate is a standard that even the nonMuslims can benefit from.

13. They can be assured that the food and drink they consume is of a certain quality.

14. As a Muslim, it is also my duty to share the beautiful practices of our faith with the global community at large.

Respected members of the audience,

15. The success story of Malaysia as the pioneer in the halal industry began in 1974.

The first halal standards on food released in 2000 was an important milestone for Malaysia as it became the first country to have documented and systematic Halal standards.

To date, JAKIM has issued 10,186 certificates to not just local companies but also to producers from 15 countries.

16. JAKIM's recognition programme for foreign Halal certification bodies is the most stringent and sought-after bilateral halal system recognition programme in the world with over 78 international bodies and authorities recognised.

17. To further strengthen the halal eco-system globally, JAKIM has developed five initiatives to further enhance the halal global development.

18. These are:

- i) The Halal Professional Board (HPB),
- ii) The Malaysia International Halal Academy,
- iii) The Halal International Research Academy,
- iv) The International Halal Authority Board (IHAB), and
- v) The Halal Innovation and Technology Centre

As of February 13, 2019, JAKIM has recognised 78 Foreign Halal Certification Bodies from 45 countries worldwide and this figure is expected to grow in the future.

Respected members of the audience,

19. The GHaS 2019 event is undoubtedly one of Malaysia's strongest and most consistent pushes towards becoming a global Halal hub.

From April 1st to the 3rd, four events have successfully been held, which were attended by almost 1,000 delegates, both local and international, from more than 53 countries around the world.

These events were as follows:

- i) The International Halal Authority Board General Assembly (IHAB-GA),
- ii) The International Halal Training Capacity Development Programme (IHTCDP),
- iii) The 10th Halal Certification Bodies Convention (HCBC), and
- iv) The Global Halal Industry Congress (GHIC).

The GHIC is a new initiative introduced this year to strengthen halal compliance amongst Halal certificate holders within the industry.

Targeted at Malaysia's halal certificate holders, both local and foreign, GHIC will be focusing on dialogues between the relevant authorities and participating industry players to find solutions for the improvement of the management of the halal supply chain, market access as well as the overall development of the halal industry.

Respected members of the audience,

20. All 7 programmes of GHaS 2019 are the products of the collaboration of 3 strategic agencies, namely, JAKIM under the Prime Minister's Department (JAKIM), MATRADE under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, and the Halal Industry Development Corporation under the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

21. The enhancement of the Halal certification system, Malaysia's Halal Standards, the development of entrepreneur and industrial facilitation as well as the promotion of halal products at the global level are vital elements for Malaysia to be leading edge of Halal Global.

Respected members of the audience,

22. Moving forward, we will continue to promote the Malaysian Halal Centre of Excellence globally, with our first centre outside Malaysia set to open in Bosnia at the end of this month.

The centre will conduct capacity development programmes, training and coaching for industries to be certified halal.

This centre will be expanded to other parts of the world soon. Insyallah.

As we embrace the digital world, I would like to see more Muslim entrepreneurs, especially our youth, use digital platforms to promote halal products and practices.

Mobile applications, artificial intelligence, robotics and innovative inventions can be used to enhance the halal global ecosystem.

Muslims must be at par with other global players in this digital revolution and be able to use these platforms to show that the Islamic way of life is one that is suitable for all.

This is what we, Muslims, call Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings for all mankind).

Closing

23. I would like to thank all parties involved, the strategic partners, sponsors and members of the media for making this event a successful one.

For our international guests, thank you for your participation and efforts in promoting the Halal Industry to the world.

I hope you have enjoyed our Malaysian hospitality and indulged in our endless variety of halal mouthwatering cuisine.

24. On that note, I wish you all fruitful deliberations for the rest of the programmes. Insya Allah.

Finally, thank you for your contribution towards ensuring the success of this GLOBAL HALAL SUMMIT 2019 (GHaS'19).

Thank you.

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Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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