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LAUNCH OF HUAWEI MALAYSIA GLOBAL TRAINING CENTER (MGTC)

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Good Morning and Salam Satu Malaysia.

His Excellency Mr. Chai Xi;
Chinese Ambassador to Malaysia,

Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Ong Ka Ting;
Malaysian Prime Minister's Special Envoy to China,

Mr. Philip Jiang Ya Fei;
Huawei Technologies Headquarters Senior Vice President,

Mr. Victor Wang Shengli;
Huawei Technologies Asia Pacific President,

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali;
Chairman, Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC),

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. I am delighted to be here with all of you today and thankful to Huawei for giving me the opportunity to celebrate what is a momentous occasion, the launch of the Huawei Malaysia Global Training Center, the first of its kind outside China.
2. As Huawei's first Global Training Center outside of China it marks another significant milestone for the company, which since its founding in Shenzhen 25 years ago, has grown into one of world's leading telecommunication solutions company, and I believe it ranks as the second largest in the world today with a total revenue last year of USD35 billion with operations in over 140 countries. And your decision to make Malaysia as your center is not only a great honour for all of us, it is also a reflection of your confidence in Malaysia and in the future of Malaysia and this region.
3. This has not come about by accident, but is instead the direct result of prudent and intelligent stewardship that has seen our country move away from its humble beginning as an agricultural nation into a modern and dynamic economic force. It means that today, we stand on the brink of becoming a fully developed nation – a target we hope to achieve by 2020. But as any marathon runner - young or old - will attest, the race doesn't get any easier as you near the finish or the finishing line, but instead there will be a lot more challenges as we enter a crucial phase in our transformation. That is why in making that final push Malaysia must make every effort to cultivate a knowledge-intensive and innovation-led economy.
4. To this end, I introduced the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), which identifies 12 key areas with the potential to drive economic growth and 131 Entry Point Projects to kick-start development across those sectors. From business services to communications and infrastructure, Malaysia is investing in our future – and at the same time creating new and exciting opportunities for both

foreign and local investors.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. The ETP's aim is quite simple: to drive growth, investment, create jobs and ultimately transform Malaysia. But it certainly doesn't neglect to take account of the complexity of the modern economy – and in particular, the fact that digital technology continues to exert an increasing influence in every aspect of our lives, from business and entertainment to communications and social interactions.

6. The digital economy now accounts for more than a third of global trade, while total worldwide ICT spending is expected to grow by 3.7 per cent to USD 3.8 trillion this year. And this is why alongside the ETP, the Multimedia Development Corporation, or MDeC, have been tasked with driving Digital Malaysia.

7. In considering this topic, images of products associated with this industry are conjured up – those of circuitry or of fibre optic cables. But what we sometimes forget is that the architects of our endeavor, the ones who make motherboards and microprocessors, is us. And our digital transformation will rely on having highly-talented and highly-skilled people working in our ICT sector.

8. In launching the Talent Roadmap 2020 in April, we identified three strategic thrusts with the aim of making the most of Malaysian talent, attracting and facilitating global talent, and building networks of top talent.

IMPORTANCE OF CONTRIBUTION FROM PRIVATE SECTOR

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9. But - as I have said on previous occasions - to achieve these goals we need a sustained contribution from the private sector, be it from local industries players or through foreign direct investments. Huawei was one of the firms which stepped forward to help the Government in this regard, and in April last year signed an agreement to train 10,000 ICT and telecommunication professionals over a period of five years.

10. The launch of Huawei Malaysia Global Training Center is a direct result of this alliance. This facility is designed to provide the latest telecommunication and ICT technology training to Huawei's global customers all the way from Asia-Pacific to the Middle-East, Africa and Latin America. And it is expected to contribute something like RM1.2 billion in Gross National Income (GNI) by 2020.

11. This commitment is being realised through a host of talent programmes, such as:

- the Huawei Reference Training Lab in K-Worker Development Center, which has been established in collaboration with MDeC;
- the MSC Malaysia MyUniAlliance which includes the Train-the-Trainer, curriculum courseware and Huawei University Training Lab, in partnership with 10 local universities from across Malaysia;
- and a number of other holistic human capital development programmes such as the MSC Malaysia Huawei Scholastic Awards, Job Camp for fresh graduates and the MyProCert certification programme for working professionals.

12. These programmes will ensure that more and more Malaysians are trained and equipped with the latest know-how in telecommunications and ICT. In turn, this will open doors for them in these fields, both internationally and at home. And as a result, we can benefit from a better trained workforce that will help drive our economy forward on the way towards 2020 – and I urge other players in the private sector to follow the footsteps of Huawei.

CONCLUSION

Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. Undoubtedly, today's launch of the Huawei Malaysia Global Training Center also signifies a further strengthening and deepening of bilateral trade and investment ties between China and Malaysia. This follows on from the generous and warmly welcomed announcement that China would be lending us two Pandas to mark 40 years of diplomatic ties. And I will like to announce that there will be a naming contest to name the pair of pandas to be opened to the public shortly, so I hope many will come forward with their suggestions.

14. On behalf of the Government and people of Malaysia, I would like to thank the Government of China and particularly my friend Prime Minister Wen Jiabao for their generosity and I hope that our unique relationship continues to go from strength to strength. I would also like to thank Huawei once more as well MDeC and the universities for making this happen and for seizing this opportunity to nurture a new generation of highly trained and skillful Malaysians in this field.

In the name of God Almighty, I hereby would like to announce the launching of Huawei Malaysia Global Training Center today.

Thank you.

Wabillahitaufig Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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