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Assalamu'alaikum, salam sejahtera dan salam 1Malaysia.

PENDAHULUAN

1. Alhamdulillah bersyukur kita ke hadrat Allah SWT kerana dengan limpah kurniaNya jua, kita semua dapat bersama-sama pada Majlis Anugerah Kecemerlangan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia 2012 atau *Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards* (MCIEA).

2. Terlebih dahulu, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Kementerian Kerja Raya Malaysia dan Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia (CIDB), kerana menjemput saya untuk menghadiri dan seterusnya menyampaikan Anugerah MCIEA pada tahun ini. Saya amat berbesar hati kerana berpeluang untuk bersama-sama dengan para penggiat industri yang cemerlang dalam majlis yang berprestij ini.

3. Saya dimaklumkan bahawa para penerima anugerah MCIEA telah melalui satu proses penilaian yang rapi, dan dipilih oleh jemaah hakim yang terdiri daripada para penggiat industri pembinaan negara yang terkemuka, dipengerusikan oleh YBhg. Tan Sri Jamilus Hussein. Sehubungan itu, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada semua pemenang Anugerah MCIEA 2012, yang merupakan *‘the best among the best’* dalam industri pembinaan negara.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our foreign guests who are taking part and contributing to the International Construction Week 2013 – Selamat Datang! I believe you have benefitted from your participation in the events held in conjunction with the International Construction Week 2013. I also hope that you have had time to enjoy the beauty of our country and the hospitality of our people. Please allow me to continue my speech in English for the benefit of our foreign guests.

Ladies and gentlemen,

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

5. In today’s increasingly competitive and uncertain global economic landscape, our country continues to display high competitiveness in international rankings. The World Competitiveness Yearbook (WCY) 2012, recorded a decline in rankings of Asian economies, with the exception of:

- Hong Kong, which was ranked 1st;
- Malaysia, which moved to 14th position, from 16th in 2011; and

- Korea, which maintained its 22nd position.

6. The Bank Negara Malaysia Report 2012 showed Malaysia recording a GDP growth of 5.6% in 2012, against the initial forecast of 4.4% by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This positive growth is due to the nation's resilient domestic economy, sustainable economic foundation and is supported by a comprehensive national development plan.

7. Indeed, the nation has embarked on a national transformation programme, which encompasses:

- The Government Transformation Programme (GTP);
- The Economic Transformation Programme (ETP);
- The Political Transformation Programme (PTP); and
- The Social Transformation Programme (STP).

This demonstrates the commitment by the Government towards ensuring a sustained economic growth for the wellbeing of the *rakyat*, in line with the aspiration of '1Malaysia: People First, Performance Now.'

PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

8. In 2012, the construction sector recorded a robust growth of 18.5%, the highest since 1995 (21.1%), driven mainly by the civil engineering subsector. This is attributed to the ongoing efforts to improve road and rail accessibility, enhance electricity generation capacity and increase oil and gas output in Malaysia. The key civil infrastructure projects include:

- The Second Penang Bridge Development;

- KLIA 2;
- Sabah-Sarawak gas pipe line; and
- MRT (Sungai Buloh-Kajang).

9. The success of the construction sector to maintain its double-digit growth, as compared to other sectors, reflects the commitment, cooperation and determination of all parties in ensuring the national development agenda is achieved.

Ladies and gentlemen,

SMART PARTNERSHIPS

10. Ever since the Malaysia Incorporated Model was introduced in 1983, smart partnerships between both the public and private sectors have flourished in various sectors, including the construction industry. With the increased market liberalisation in various industrial sectors, the domestic construction industry should forge greater partnerships to enhance its competitiveness. The Private Financing Initiative (PFI) is one of such partnerships.

11. By convention, the development of physical infrastructure projects takes the course of request for proposals by which the winning bid will undertake construction of the project. In return, payments will be received from the Government upon completion of the said construction. However, the limitation to the approach is the need for available development funds, which sees competition from diverse areas such as defense, education, health and waste management, among others. To address the limitation, PFI provides an alternate approach, which not only ensures value for money, but greater success in management and implementation of construction projects.

12. While PFI has long been developed and implemented in advanced economies such as the United Kingdom and closer to our region, Australia, the interests in PFI in Malaysia gained momentum with the establishment of the Public-Private Partnership Unit (UKAS) in the Prime Minister's Department in 2009. Domestic investments have broken new grounds with investments from PFI projects contributing RM18 billion in 2010, which subsequently increased to RM69 billion in the following year. From January 2012 until March 2013, domestic investments totalled RM91.7 billion.

13. Government facilities, which are beneficiaries of PFI include airports, sea ports, university campuses, hospitals, highways and facilities management. In short, PFI is an approach where the private sector assumes the risk of construction, and initial financing costs, while the public sector provides the development opportunities. In this regard, I strongly urge the construction fraternity to seize the many opportunities available under the PFI model.

14. Another form of smart partnership can be seen through the signing of the MOU between CIDB and MRT Corporation recently. This MOU provides for the utilisation of the Quality Assessment System in Construction (QLASSIC) and the Safety and Health Assessment System in Construction (SHASSIC), to assess the construction quality compliance, as well as the safety and health levels of personnel involved in the MRT Project. Both these methods have been developed by CIDB to strengthen the country's construction industry.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

PRODUCTIVITY AND TECHNOLOGY

15. To remain relevant, we must draw from the experience of developed countries, including the United Kingdom, Japan and Korea, where they have shown that increased productivity and higher efficiency can be achieved through construction mechanisation and automation, as well as the utilisation of advanced technologies, including ICT. Hence, I encourage industry players to learn and utilise these latest technologies that are available, to enhance your competitiveness and be above par.

16. I also would like to remind all of us this evening, to not neglect or forget the health and safety aspects required in the construction industry. We are well aware that a safe and healthy work environment provides a positive image and this will attract more local talent to enter, and be retained, in the industry.

Ladies and gentlemen,

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

17. The Government views the wellbeing of the contractors in the construction industry with high importance. With this in mind, the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act (CIPAA) 2012 was enacted to protect all parties in the construction industry, particularly the sub-contractors and suppliers. The interests of the parties involved in the construction industry will be safeguarded and any dispute over payment will be resolved expeditiously through the adjudication process.

18. The Government will also ensure the continuous involvement of industry players as well as provide opportunities for them to participate in the national development agenda. While there are many qualified industry players who have the capacity and capability to undertake such projects, there is a need to ensure their performance and efficiency remain at a competitive level. In view of this, Government agencies, including CIDB, play a role towards ensuring capacity building programmes, such as industrial training, expanding business networks, improving processes and promoting the latest construction technology.

19. I also would like to commend CIDB for having signed the Corporate Integrity Pledge with the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC). This will increase the investors' confidence levels towards CIDB, and provide a clear signal to CIDB employees on its seriousness to eradicate corruption.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

CLOSING

20. I believe it is important for the industry to give recognition and acknowledgement to companies and individuals who have contributed to the advancement of the industry. Hence, this evening we celebrate the achievements of 11 companies, which have recorded excellence in the various categories. In addition to that, special awards will be given to individuals who have contributed significantly to the development of the domestic construction industry. I congratulate the winners. Tahniah!

21. Saya berharap semoga pengiktirafan yang diberikan ini akan menyemarakkan lagi semangat dan memberi dorongan untuk mencapai prestasi yang lebih tinggi. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan syabas kepada Kementerian Kerja Raya dan CIDB kerana berjaya menganjurkan satu acara yang mengiktiraf kecemerlangan dalam industri pembinaan negara.

Sekian. Terima kasih.

Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh.