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**SYMPOSIUM ON “BUILDING EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FOR ADVANCING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WHOLE OF SOCIETY**

***GETTING INSTITUTIONS ORGANISED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGs:  
WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT & WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY***

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Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

A very good morning.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

1. 17:169 is not just any number. They reflect **17 goals and 169 targets** which convene all of us here today. We need to continuously engage in this conversation to **resolve socio-economic and environment issues globally**.

2. Please allow me to first express my gratitude to the organisers for inviting me to share **Malaysia's progress and aspirations** in our journey in **implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
3. I would like to commend the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) and the Republic of Korea for organising this symposium.
4. On a personal capacity, I look forward to further advance the SDG agenda across United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as well as CAPAM member states.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

#### **MALAYSIA'S QUEST IN SDG JOURNEY**

5. Malaysia embarked on sustainable development journey since 1970s when **the New Economic Policy (NEP)** was introduced to **eradicate poverty and restructure societal imbalances. Development is equitable across the various regions** within Malaysia, in that the people should be able to access socio-economic opportunities, as well as decent infrastructure and amenities no matter where they reside in Malaysia. All the subsequent five-year Malaysia development plans have encapsulated the essence of sustainable development.
6. In 2009, our **New Economic Model (NEM)** was formulated which **further cemented Malaysia's commitment to pursue sustainable development**. On 25 September 2015, Malaysia alongside other world leaders, adopted 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.
7. Today, I am very pleased to say that **Malaysia is on track towards achieving the Agenda 2030**. I believe it is not by chance that we achieved higher growth of 6.2% in 3Q17, the highest in three years. In the same period, our National Labour Productivity rose 4.2%,

higher than the average annual growth of 3.7% set under the 11th Malaysia Plan. Being **people-centred**, the solid economic growth will sustain the **creation of more jobs, increase the people's income and improve their wellbeing and quality of life.**

Ladies and Gentlemen

## THE NEW NORMAL

8. **The New Normal represents the current reality, forging towards the future.** We faced new challenges, which present us with new opportunities if we are able to harness and leverage our capabilities. With the emerging disruptions changing global landscapes, we need to **future-proof policy and planning towards achieving the SDGs.**
9. In Malaysia, we **co-created and co-developed** our national development plan integrating the global SDGs, rallying a **'whole-of-government' (WoG)** and **'whole-of-society' (WoS)** approaches. As a result, six (6) strategic thrusts of the current 11MP were carefully mapped against SDG targets accordingly with all stakeholders:
  - **Enhancing inclusiveness towards an equitable society;**
  - **Improving wellbeing for all;**
  - **Accelerating human capital development for an advanced nation;**
  - **Pursuing green growth for sustainability and resilience;**
  - **Strengthening infrastructure to support economic expansion; and**
  - **Re-engineering economic growth for greater prosperity.**

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10. In our pursuit of **greater inclusiveness**, measures were outlined to ensure **equitable opportunities** for all segments of the society, in particular the bottom 40 per cent (B40) households. This will be done through **outcome-based and productivity-linked assistance** including entrepreneurship and skills training, technology adoption, asset

ownership and investment in improving connectivity and basic amenities. By 2020, we aim to double the average income for the B40 households, from USD700 in 2014 to USD1,500, elevating them into the middle-class. The participation rate of women in the workforce will be raised from 53.0 per cent in 2014 to 59.0 per cent in 2020.

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### **GLOCAL COMMITMENT AND ASPIRATION: “WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT” & “WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY”**

11. We need to approach SDGs *glocally* with a **global perspective and localised implementation**. Scarcity remains. Resources are limited but wants are limitless. It takes creativity and innovation to maximise resources and ensure **no one is left behind**. Malaysia has successfully adopted the **National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS)** by integrating collaborative national SDG programme together with all stakeholders, including representatives from the public sector, government-linked companies, private sector, academia, international NGOs, development partners and the public at large.
12. **Phased development of the Agenda 2030** will be governed by the **National SDG Council, chaired by YAB Prime Minister**. The council will report SDG progress to the **United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF)**.
13. The Council is supported by the **Steering Committee on SDG, chaired by the Director General of the Economic Planning Unit**. The Steering Committee consisting **five (5) SDG Working Committees or clusters will develop and implement approved SDG programmes**. Detailed mapping of **strategies, action plans to specific measurable targets** are outlined in our **National SDG Roadmap**.
14. Most recently, Malaysia has further intensified engagement with all segments of society at an unprecedented scale for the preparation of the new national aspiration vision (2020-2050), i.e. **National Transformation 2050 (TN50)**. In all, **top-down vision and**

**guidance meet bottom-up aspiration**, bridging people and policymakers, bringing national consultation to greater heights, including **stronger regional and international collaboration**.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

15. Before I conclude, once again I would like to accord my appreciation to the host and organisers who have worked hard to ensure the success of this symposium.

16. I wish the symposium a great success, and all guests and participants a most rewarding and impactful day.

Thank you.

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