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**Opening Address 9th Joint Seminar And 40th Public Service Games For Public Sector Leaders Of Malaysia And Singapore 2018 : "Public Sedctor of the Future:rethink, redefine, redesign"**

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*Distinguished senior officials from Malaysia and Singapore*

*Ladies and Gentlemen*

**OPENING REMARKS**

1. *Good morning and a very warm welcome to the Historical City of Melaka for our **9<sup>th</sup> Joint Seminar and 40<sup>th</sup> Public Service Games** for public sector leaders from Malaysia and Singapore.*
2. *Coincidentally, our two Leaders had just met at the **8<sup>th</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Leaders' Retreat in Singapore** recently. Welcoming the excellent cooperation in an array of mutually beneficial areas, including connectivity, counter-terrorism, education, bilateral joint venture projects, and in ASEAN, our meeting today **reaffirms our commitment towards greater and stronger ties between the civil services of both countries.***

**RECAPPING 2016'S SEMINAR AND GAMES**

3. *We appreciate your gracious hospitality during last year's seminar and games, my colleagues and I enjoyed the **tour of the National Gallery**, particularly at the **Padang Deck to witness Singapore's picturesque skyline and lights**. The Seminar, particularly the group discussion, was stimulating, and the best thing about that was, **everyone,***

**regardless of nationality and demographic differences, work together to tackle the thematic issues given.**

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THIS YEAR'S THEME: 'PUBLIC SECTOR OF THE FUTURE: RETHINK, REDEFINE, REDESIGN'

4. *To say that today we are living in uncertain times is an understatement with rapidly changing technological, societal and economic trends, coupled with disruptive innovation being the order of the day.*
5. *It is with this in mind that the theme '**Public Sector of the Future: Rethink, Redefine, Redesign**' was chosen for this edition's Joint Seminar. The theme proposes the notion for a re-examination of the role and shape of the public service as we navigate these challenging times towards **embracing the new normal**.*
6. *As has been our annual tradition, this Joint Seminar provides a **platform for us to discuss, share and exchange views on how we can future-proof our civil service to better serve our respective citizenry**.*
7. *Use of better evidence for policy formulation and decision making, greater engagement and empowerment of citizens, closer collaboration with the private and social sectors, and better management of our cross-generational talents are some of the features that we must deliberate to stay relevant.*
8. *The **National Blue Ocean Shift (NBOS)** has been pivotal in Malaysia's National Transformation. Together with government-linked companies, private sector, academia, international NGOs, and public at large, we **co-created and co-developed strategic national blue ocean initiatives**, rallying a '**whole-of-government**' and '**whole-of-society**' approaches.*

9. *In the same vein, **bottom-up initiative** is a must, to listen and to learn more about our people as the Government is no longer a regulator or facilitator, but a true partner with its citizens to build a greater nation together. Our **2050 National Transformation**, or TN50 initiative aims to do just that.*

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#### CONCLUSION

10. *This annual Joint Seminar and Public Service Games for Public Sector Leaders of Malaysia and Singapore is **afine tradition of frequent exchanges to strengthen strategic communication on major issues at the top-level**. Let us continue to nurture this bond and guarantee the future success of these engagements.*

11. *I would also like take this opportunity to pledge our support for **Singapore's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2018**. With that note, I wish all of you a fruitful discussion this morning.*

*Thank you.*

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