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**MALAYSIA ANJUR PERSIDANGAN BIODIVERSITI ASEAN KETIGA**  
**(*THIRD ASEAN CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY*)**  
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Saya telah merasmikan Persidangan Biodiversiti ASEAN Ke-3 (*Third ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity - Persidangan ACB 2020*) pada 10 Disember 2020. Persidangan ACB 2020 yang dilaksanakan secara *virtual* ini membincangkan topik Perniagaan dan Biodiversiti (*Business and Biodiversity*) dianjurkan dengan kerjasama *ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)*. Lebih 200 peserta khususnya dari negara-negara ASEAN menyertai persidangan ini secara *virtual*.

Antara topik yang telah dibentangkan pada ACB 2020 ini merangkumi Kerangka Biodiversiti Global Pasca 2020 (*Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework*); Mengarusperdana Biodiversiti (*Mainstreaming Biodiversity*); Perubahan Transformatif dan Inovasi dalam Pemuliharaan Biodiversiti (*Transformational Change and Innovations in Biodiversity Conservation*) serta Perniagaan dan Biodiversiti.

Persidangan ACB 2020 membincangkan peranan dan tanggungjawab yang boleh dilaksanakan oleh sektor perniagaan dan swasta dalam usaha

memulihara biodiversiti dan perkhidmatan ekosistem di peringkat domestik, serantau dan antarabangsa, serta mengarusperdanakan biodiversiti dalam pelbagai sektor.

Rantau Asia Tenggara sangat kaya dengan sumber biodiversiti. Dengan keluasan muka bumi hampir separuh berbanding saiz benua Eropah, rantau ini mempunyai lebih 54,000 spesies flora dan fauna yang merentasi tiga kelompok biogeografi iaitu Indochina, Sunda dan kepulauan Filipina. Kekayaan spesies sebegini telah memberikan pengiktirafan tiga negara di rantau Asia Tenggara sebagai antara dua belas kepelbagaian biologi mega di peringkat dunia iaitu Malaysia, Indonesia dan Filipina.

Dalam memacu tanggungjawab pemuliharaan dan penggunaan sumber secara mampan, Malaysia telah membangunkan Dasar Kepelbagaian Biologi Kebangsaan 2016-2025 sebagai panduan dalam usaha konservasi sumber biologi dan bagaimana ia dapat digunakan secara lestari, termasuk di dalam menghadapi pelbagai cabaran.

Komuniti perniagaan di negara ini dan rantau ASEAN disaran menyokong usaha memulihara biodiversiti, menggalakkan penggunaannya secara mampan dan memastikan perkongsian faedah yang adil dan saksama hasil daripada penggunaannya.

Antara komponen penting dalam pengurusan perniagaan berasaskan biologi adalah pelaksanaan kajian daya tampung (*carrying capacity*). Komponen ini penting dalam memastikan setiap projek berasaskan sumber ekologi memberikan impak negatif yang minimum kepada ekosistem dan persekitaran. Perkara ini menjadi kunci utama dalam

pembangunan mampan agar kepelbagaian biologi tetap terpelihara walaupun aspek pembangunan dijalankan.

Penganjuran ACB 2020 ini adalah sangat signifikan dalam menunjukkan kepimpinan negara dalam meningkatkan usaha pengurusan biodiversiti di rantau ASEAN dan antarabangsa. Teks ucapan perasmian ACB 2020 adalah seperti di Lampiran.

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**OPENING REMARKS**

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**THIRD ASEAN CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY (ACB2020)  
Virtual Session Four: Business and Biodiversity**

**10 DECEMBER 2020**

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Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera and a very good morning to all.

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Excellencies Head of Delegation of ASEAN Member States and Distinguished Representatives

Esteemed speakers

Distinguished participants

Ladies and gentlemen.

1. First and foremost, I am honoured to welcome all of you to the Third ASEAN Conference for Biodiversity 2020 (ACB 2020) Virtual Session Four with the theme 'Business and Biodiversity'. We are fortunate to be able to hold this event via digital platform due to the limitations brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. While COVID-19 pandemic may have slowed us down, I believe all of us are doing our level best to respond to this difficult situation, especially dealing with the need to adapt with the new normal.
3. As we all know, ACB 2020 which was scheduled for 16-20 March this year had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, ACB 2020 has been modified to four virtual sessions. I would like to express my appreciation for the support and participation of all ASEAN States. I would also like to extend my gracious appreciation to the co-host, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in making this event possible.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

4. It is undeniable that the ASEAN region is blessed with rich biodiversity. In an area less than half the size of Europe, we host over 54,000 recognized species across three distinct biogeographical regions: Indochina, Sundaland and Philippines. Such diversity has led to the recognition of three out of the twelve megadiverse countries in the world: Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

5. Recognizing our responsibility towards protecting and sustainably managing such rich biodiversity, Malaysia has put in place various policies and laws; among which is the National Policy on Biological Diversity 2016-2025. This policy aims to provide the framework for Malaysia to conserve our biodiversity and use it sustainably in the face of increasingly complex challenges.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

6. The ASEAN Conference for Biodiversity 2020 is intended to provide a forum for exchanging perspectives on initiatives that address biodiversity issues in the region. It is also expected to chart transformative actions that will affect the needed change to conserve biodiversity and attain sustainable development in ASEAN. Outputs from ACB 2020 could also feed into region's position as the ASEAN Member States for the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to be held next year in Kunming, China.
7. The fourth ACB 2020 virtual session today will be focusing on **Business and Biodiversity**. Biodiversity is a fundamental component for a long-term survival of the business and private sector as they rely on each and every component of biodiversity throughout their supply chain. If in the past most businesses had contributed to environmental degradation, today, let us shift our horizons to support our environment through sustainable and environmentally friendly businesses.

8. One of the important elements of managing biodiversity-based business venture is observing the carrying capacity requirement. Therefore, carrying capacity assessment is important in every ecosystem-based project as to ensure minimal impact on existing ecosystem. This will become one of the key criteria towards sustainable development where biodiversity and their habitat can be blended nicely into the development process. Therefore, we must constantly strive to ensure the conservation aspects of our forest and biodiversity are mainstreamed in the business sector.
9. Businesses are also encouraged to support conservation programs implemented by the Government. In Malaysia, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources will implement the Greening Malaysia Program through the 100 Million Tree Planting Campaign from 2021 to 2025. This initiative will involve participation of all parties including private companies, Multi-National Corporations (MNCs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) and communities to support and collaborate in this campaign.
10. Malaysia will also enforce the Access to Biological Resources and Benefit Sharing Act 2017 on 18 December 2020 to regulate the use of biological resources, addresses issues of bio-piracy and ensures that monetary and non-monetary benefits from the access of biological resources are shared equitably. The Act will further strengthen the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources in Malaysia.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

11. On that note, I hope this conference can further explore how businesses can together help achieve the conservation and sustainable development agenda in ASEAN.
  
12. Once again, thank you for setting aside your valuable time for this session and with this I announce that the Third ASEAN Conference for Biodiversity 2020 Virtual Session Four with the theme 'Business and Biodiversity' is now open.

Thank you and have a productive session.

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