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**INTERNATIONAL GREENTECH & ECO PRODUCTS EXHIBITION &
CONFERENCE MALAYSIA 2024 (IGEM)**

9 OCTOBER 2024 (WEDNESDAY)

KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, good evening and Salam
Malaysia Madani

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Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental
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2. YBhg. Datuk Dr. Ching Thoo a/l Kim

Secretary General
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3. YBhg. Datuk Nor Yahati binti Awang

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Chairman
Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation

5. YBrs. Ir. Ts. Shamsul Bahar Mohd Nor

Group CEO
Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

1. Alhamdulillah, all praise and gratitude to Allah SWT, with His blessings, we are able to gather here on this momentous day. Let me start by welcoming you to the International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia, IGEM 2024. It is a privilege to stand before you today as we gather to showcase innovation, collaboration and the immense possibilities presented by green technologies and eco-friendly products.

2. A heartfelt thank you to our partners and sponsors for your invaluable support in making this year's IGEM a reality. Your commitment and collaboration have been instrumental in our success. We would like to extend our gratitude to:
 - Petronas; our strategic partner
 - OCBC, Tenaga Nasional Berhad and SolarFirst, our esteemed Gold sponsors;
 - We also appreciate our Silver sponsors: UOB, Solarvest, Itramas, Samaiden, CitaGlobal, SolaX;
 - Along with our Bronze sponsors, Bio Eneco, Plus Energy, Leader Energy, Grab, and Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad (BPMB).

3. We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of you – exhibitors, partners, and participants – who have joined us in this critical mission to drive sustainable development and environmental stewardship.

4. As we stand in the era of a new chapter in climate action, IGEM 2024 represents more than just an exhibition; it is a clarion call for proactive measures. This event gathers the brightest minds and industry leaders to confront the critical challenges that our environment faces. Your participation today underscores your commitment to fostering a greener future and showcases Malaysia's increasing influence as a sustainability leader in the region.

Ladies and gentlemen,

SUSTAINABILITY AS OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

5. The theme for IGEM 2024, “Race Towards Net Zero: Regional Leadership for Climate Urgency,” poignantly reminds us that sustainability is a shared responsibility. The world is looking to governments, businesses, innovators, and civil society—to lead with purpose, urgency, and a sense of collective responsibility. I believe Malaysia is well-positioned to be at the forefront of this transformation.

6. As exhibitors, each of you plays a pivotal role in shaping this future. You are the innovators developing clean technologies, the pioneers of renewable solutions, the visionaries advancing circular economies, and the creators of eco-friendly products/services that will help us achieve a low-carbon, sustainable, greener future.

7. Your innovations are not just ideas on display – they represent tangible solutions to real-world problems. I encourage each of you to take this opportunity to forge meaningful partnerships, exchange ideas, and collaborate in ways that can scale up these green solutions across industries and borders.

Ladies and gentlemen,

THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

8. I am proud to say that the Malaysian government is fully committed to advancing policies that foster sustainable development in line with our pledge to achieve net zero by 2050. Our policies are focused on ensuring that environmental sustainability is not merely an add-on to economic growth but is, in fact, integral to it. This includes ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand renewable energy capacity, and promote sustainable practices across key sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing and transportation.

9. However, government action alone is not enough. We need partnerships with the private sector—with you, the exhibitors here today—to drive and lead meaningful change. IGEM is important because it provides a unique space where the government and industry players can engage directly, building bridges that turn ideas into action and investments into impact.

10. The journey toward sustainability is fraught with hurdles. Yet, gatherings such as IGEM, where ideas and innovations flow freely, provide a platform for us to unite and tackle these challenges head-on. By joining forces, we can turn obstacles into stepping stones and drive the profound change our planet desperately requires.

MALAYSIA'S GREENTECH AMBITIONS

11. Malaysia has made significant strides in green technology. At last year's IGEM 2023 alone, we achieved more than RM5 billion worth of business leads, again emphasising IGEM's importance as the platform for sustainable development in the region.

12. However, there is still much work to be done. IGEM 2024 offers an excellent opportunity to spotlight Malaysia's ongoing initiatives and demonstrate how we synchronise our national development aspirations with the global sustainability agenda.

13. Recognising the ongoing trends in technology and innovation, we are broadening our scope this year with two groundbreaking additions, focusing on the core pillars of green technologies and sustainable development – the **Clean Energy Transition Asia (CETA) Summit** and **MobilityX Exhibition**.

14. Our efforts ensure that IGEM will remain relevant as technology and innovation progress in the coming years. Our primary interest is to adopt and adapt to these changes, ensuring that the exhibition serves as a platform for all stakeholders - business leaders, government ministries, agencies, state governments, high commissions and embassies abroad, universities, start-ups, and non-profit organisations.

15. Eight countries will take part in the exhibition, offering visitors an exciting lineup of activities. Attendees can anticipate engaging conference sessions, thought-provoking panel discussions, showcases, intimate pocket talks, product launches, and the signing of new partnerships.

Ladies and gentlemen,

16. I would like to take this chance to convey my sincere appreciation for the commitment and organisational skills exhibited by the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC) and my ministry (NRES) in successfully orchestrating this event after months of diligent planning.

17. Before I conclude my speech, I would like to take this moment to congratulate the winner of the Best Booth Award at IGEM 2024. The selection process was undoubtedly challenging, given the array of impressive exhibitors we have today. Nevertheless, the winners' commitment to sustainability has gone above and beyond, as reflected in their exhibit. Congratulations once again!

18. Lastly, we are eager to see all of you at IGEM 2024. It's going to be a fantastic turnout, an excellent opportunity to discover, experience, and grasp the latest advancements in technology and innovation that will benefit not just Malaysia, but also our neighboring countries, ensuring a sustainable and greener future for the entire region. Thank you.