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## **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

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**SHERATON HOTEL,  
PETALING JAYA**

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- **Architect Dr Serina Hijjas**

President of Malaysia Green Building Council (Malaysia GBC)

- CEOs, General Managers, Engineers, Architects and Interior Designers,
- Members of Malaysia GBC,

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Salam Malaysia Madani

1. Good evening. I am honoured to join you all tonight at the *Malaysia Green Building Council Annual Dinner and MalaysiaGBC Leadership in Sustainability Awards 2024*. My heartfelt gratitude to the organisers for inviting me to share this special occasion with you.
2. This year's theme, "*Building the Transition*" is both apt and evocative. It captures a pivotal moment in our journey towards a sustainable future. We are gathered here to celebrate not only the remarkable achievements within the industry but also the forward-thinking vision that propels us into a new era of sustainable development.
3. "Transition" signifies change, evolution, and growth. Moreover, *buildings* and the very act of *building* is an inseparable part of our modern life. It reminds us that while we have made significant strides, our journey is far from complete. Indeed, the green transition that we need to not only address climate change but also remain competitive will be incomplete until sustainability takes root in all facets of our lives.

4. Tonight, we recognise the pioneers and leaders driving this transition in the built environment, setting new standards, and paving the way for a greener, more sustainable Malaysia.
5. The Malaysia Green Building Council has been at the forefront of this transition. Your efforts in promoting sustainable architecture, enhancing energy efficiency, and advocating for environmental stewardship are commendable. Among your remarkable achievements has been the development of *CarbonScore*, an initiative targeting the total decarbonisation of the Malaysian building and construction sector.
6. The *CarbonScore* system evaluates whole-life building-related CO2 emissions in existing premises, specifically designed to be both convenient and cost-effective. Assessments can be easily completed using readily available information. Through initiatives like CarbonScore, MalaysiaGBC members have not only transformed the country's built environment but have also demonstrated the tangible benefits of sustainable practices, setting an inspiring example for others to follow.
7. However, as we celebrate our accomplishments, we must also confront the challenges ahead. Climate change, resource scarcity, and urbanisation present complex issues that require innovative solutions and collaborative efforts. The transition to sustainability is not just about building green structures; it is also fundamentally about creating resilient, inclusive, and liveable communities for future generations. The green transition will be no transition at all unless it can result in better lives for all.
8. The theme, "Building the Transition," is hence a call to action. It urges us to embrace new technologies, adopt sustainable practices, and engage in meaningful partnerships. It challenges us to think holistically and to integrate sustainability into every aspect of our work. This transition is a shared responsibility that requires the collective efforts of government, industry, and society.
9. The Malaysian government is committed to supporting this transition. We are dedicated to creating a conducive environment for sustainable development through policy frameworks, incentives, and collaborative initiatives. For instance, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill (EECA) aims to improve energy efficiency across various sectors, encouraging the adoption of advanced energy-saving technologies and practices. By reducing our energy consumption, we not only lower operational costs but also decrease our carbon footprint, moving us closer to our environmental goals.

10. While the government is doing a lot, the private sector also has a crucial role to play. Tonight, as we present the *MalaysiaGBC Leadership in Sustainability Awards*, we celebrate the visionaries and leaders who are making a difference. These awards recognise excellence and innovation in sustainable practices, and they highlight the inspiring work being done across our nation. To all the award recipients, I offer my heartfelt congratulations. Your achievements are a testament to what is possible when we commit to building a sustainable future. I hope to see you again in future editions and may many more companies follow in your footsteps.
11. Let us take pride in our accomplishments and be inspired by the legacies of those who have gone ahead of us, paving the way. Let us embrace the challenges and opportunities of "Building the Transition." Together, we can create a future where our built environment enhances the quality of life of the *rakyat*, preserves our natural resources, and contributes to a sustainable Malaysia.
12. Thank you once again for the opportunity to be part of this occasion. It is now my great pleasure to officially launch the *MalaysiaGBC Annual Dinner & MalaysiaGBC Leadership in Sustainability Awards 2024*. Thank you, and I wish you all a memorable and inspiring evening ahead.