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**AND**

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SOFT LAUNCH**

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera and Salam Malaysia Madani

1. **Yang Berbahagia Datuk Dr. Ching Thoo a/I Kim**  
Secretary General, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES)
2. **Yang Berbahagia Datuk Nor Yahati binti Awang**  
Deputy Secretary General (Environmental Sustainability), NRES
3. **Yang Berusaha Puan Shareen Shariza binti Dato' Abdul Ghani**  
Chairman, Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC)
4. **Yang Berbahagia Datuk Sikh Shamsul Ibrahim Sikh Abdul Majid**  
Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA)

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

1. Thank you for joining me today at the International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition & Conference Malaysia (IGEM) 2025 and Kuala Lumpur Sustainability Summit (KLSS) Soft Launch. It is an honour to welcome all of you as we embark on yet another exciting chapter in IGEM's journey.
2. Before we begin, let us take a moment to appreciate the unity and diversity that strengthen our nation. In recent months, we have celebrated various cultural and religious festivals, each reflecting the values and traditions that unite us. As we embrace the holy month of Ramadan, a time of reflection, discipline, and generosity, may its spirit of compassion and shared responsibility continue to inspire us through the Hari Raya celebrations.

3. Last year was a special milestone for IGEM as we celebrated our 15th anniversary, a decade and a half of achievements. Since 2010, it has evolved into a platform for sustainability and innovation. Over the past 15 years, we have welcomed more than 670,000 visitors from 126 countries and facilitated over RM63 billion in business leads, a remarkable journey that reflects our unwavering commitment to a greener, more sustainable world.
4. In recognition of this dedication, the Malaysian Book of Records has honoured IGEM as Malaysia's Longest-Running Green Technology Exhibition. This notable distinction reflects the unwavering commitment, innovation, and shared vision that has positioned IGEM as a leading platform for sustainability and climate action.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. Last year, we set forth an ambitious vision for IGEM 2024. With a humble yet determined goal, we aimed to welcome 48,000 visitors and 480 exhibitors from 48 countries, generating business leads worth RM4.8 billion. These targets represented our collective hope, effort, and commitment to driving real change in the green technology sector.
6. Alhamdulillah, I am truly proud and humbled to share that we not only met but also surpassed our expectations. As of the final data, IGEM 2024 exceeded its targets, achieving RM10.182 billion in business leads, attracting 250 exhibitors with 500 exhibition booths, and welcoming participation from 68 countries, including China, Sweden, Singapore, South Korea, Japan and Thailand. Together, we achieved these outstanding results, a testament to the strong and unwavering dedication of our partners, exhibitors, and participants.
7. A special thank you to our strategic partners and sponsors, who have played an instrumental role in IGEM's success:
  - i) Key collaborator: Petronas

- ii) Gold sponsors: OCBC, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), and Solar First
- iii) Silver sponsors: UOB, Solarvest, Itramas, Samaiden, Citaglobal, and SolaX
- iv) Bronze sponsors: Bio Eneco, Plus Xenergy, Leader Energy, Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad, and Grab
- v) Branding sponsor: Iskandar Investment Berhad.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. In today's world, sustainability is no longer an option but an urgent necessity. Our actions today will shape the future we leave for future generations. Yet, within this challenge lies an opportunity; climate action and green innovation drive technological advancement, economic growth and job creation. The nations and industries that take bold action today will lead the new global economy powered by clean energy, circular systems and sustainable development.
9. Recognising this, NRES introduced the National Climate Change Policy 2.0 (DPIN 2.0) in September 2024. This policy strengthens our commitment to sustainability by integrating climate action into all sectors, fostering green job creation and driving innovation. It sets clear goals, including net-zero emissions by 2050, integrating climate action into policies and strengthening resilience through adaptation strategies. As a holistic and forward-looking strategy, DPIN 2.0 lays the groundwork for Malaysia to achieve a greener, more sustainable, and climate-resilient future.
10. However, policy alone is not enough. Real progress depends on continuous monitoring, adaptation, and, most importantly, collaboration. It is the shared responsibility of the government, businesses, industries, and individuals to unite with a common purpose in transforming policies into lasting change. We have vision and determination as a nation, and now is the time to act.

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. As we hold the Chairmanship of ASEAN this year, Malaysia is committed to establishing a strong foundation for cross-border collaboration. Our nation is focused on enhancing cooperation within ASEAN, acknowledging that our environmental challenges are deeply interconnected.
12. With that in mind, we are honoured to host the **Kuala Lumpur Sustainability Summit (KLSS)**, which will bring together key stakeholders from ASEAN member states to accelerate regional climate action. Featuring thought leaders from across ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific region, the summit will include podcasts, keynotes, panels, and roundtables, all focused on actionable strategies for local, regional, and global impact. With the goal of producing the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Climate Resilience, KLSS aspires to position the city as a leading platform for strategic discussions on climate resilience in the years ahead.
13. Alongside KLSS, IGEM is setting its sights on regional leadership. We aim to position IGEM as Asia's premier Greentech & Cleantech Exhibition and Summit. It is about influence, impact, and leadership, reflecting Malaysia's proactive approach to climate action and our nation's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and global progress.
14. I am pleased to announce that IGEM 2025 will take place **from 15 to 17 October 2025 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre**. This year, we set forth ambitious targets to strengthen IGEM's impact with:
  - I. 50,000 visitations
  - II. 500 exhibition booths
  - III. Participation from 50 countries; and
  - IV. RM5.5 billion business leads

InsyaAllah, these goals will guide our ongoing efforts to refine our programmes, enhance inclusivity, and engage a broader audience.

With the theme '**Race Towards Net Zero: Inclusivity and Sustainability**', we aim to make IGEM more accessible to business leaders, policymakers, industry experts and young changemakers.

15. As we navigate an era of rapid urbanisation, climate change, and environmental challenges, IGEM drives transformative change. This year's event reinforces our commitment to a sustainable future through innovation and collaboration. Building on last year's momentum, IGEM 2025 focuses on **five (5) key sub-themes: Empowering Cities, Electrifying Mobility, Decarbonising Energy, Accelerating Circularity and Protecting Biodiversity**. Each is crucial in connecting technology and sustainability to address global challenges. These themes inspire action, encourage dialogue, and drive progress across sectors.

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16. Governments cannot embark on this journey towards a sustainable future alone. In the spirit of Malaysia Madani, where progress is driven by inclusivity, innovation, and shared responsibility, we must foster strong public-private partnerships, cross-sector collaboration, and regional alliances to advance effective climate action. To achieve this, industry leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and communities must collaborate to develop innovative solutions, attract strategic investments, and foster resilient economies that align with global sustainability objectives.
17. I hope to see more organisations and countries participate in this year's IGEM. With this shared vision, let us continue to push boundaries, forge new partnerships, and advance bold solutions to create a sustainable, prosperous, and resilient future for all. Thank you.