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Salam sejahtera dan Salam 1Malaysia

[Salutations dimuktamadkan berdasarkan pengesahan dan kehadiran ke Majlis ini]

Dif-dif Kehormat , Tan Sri- Tan Sri, Puan Sri-Puan Sri,
Dato'-Dato', Datin-Datin

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan yang saya hormati sekalian

1. Saya amat sukacita kerana sekali lagi dapat bersama tuan-tuan dan puan-puan dan kali ini sempena Gala Night, World Innovation Forum Kuala Lumpur 2013 (WIFKL 2013). Izinkan saya untuk meneruskan ucapan dalam Bahasa Inggeris bagi memanfaatkan kehadiran tetamu dan delegasi luar negara.

Distinguished Guests, Valued Sponsors and Event Strategic Partners,

Members of the Media, Ladies and Gentlemen

Salam 1Malaysia and a very good evening to all of you.

2. At the outset, I would like to welcome all of you tonight to celebrate the successful conclusion of World Innovation Forum Kuala Lumpur 2013 (WIFKL 2013).

3. I am sure for the past 3 days of showcasing the best in global innovation, had brought our minds together, thoughts sharing and the best practices to be applied in order to achieve a common goal that is ***THE FUTURE WE DESIRE***. It will be the Future we envision as a global community, which would mark a new beginning for us today and our generations' years ahead.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. We are experiencing innovative changes in many forms in almost all of our daily activities. Be it from home management to work sites and businesses transformation process, a deep sense of being INNOVATIVE is pivotal to ensure we are on track, on par and can cope with upcoming challenges. This without doubt, is the new power of moving forward. We must live, abide and look forward to sustainable livelihoods and improvisation of civilization of today and tomorrow. On a bigger picture, it means benefits being able to contribute positively to the nation building agendas.

5. We are indeed proud that Malaysia is picking up the pace fast enough and actively engaging in the global innovation arena. The Malaysian government has initiated various programmes related to enhancing innovation, especially through the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP). This programme is also part of Malaysia's vision for 2020 which would be a cornerstone for Malaysia to turn into a high income economy facilitating us to dynamically compete on a global scale.

6. Having said that, I must commend the vision, effort and the leadership abilities of our beloved Prime Minister YAB Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Hj Abdul Razak, in actively engaging and encouraging the administration, businesses and the people at large to think out of the box, be bold to explore and venture into new ideas and most importantly place paramount importance of being INNOVATIVE, be it on the social, economic and political fronts.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

7. Your presence, support and participation in WIFKL 2103 is a step forward to many other exciting years ahead in innovation and as citizens of this country, I am positive we can forge forward and be emulated upon by others. Equally important, we had moved ahead of the competition and our ability to INNOVATE and re-engineer our thoughts towards a sustainable future.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. This evening is indeed very special for us as host of WIFKL 2013. It is the time to celebrate our achievements as innovators and stake holders. But most importantly we are converged here together from different countries around the world, sharing experiences and we gained something very precious called FRIENDSHIP. New friends, associates, businesses and leads were obtained from WIFKL 2013 and I am positive the event had benefitted us all.

9. While we wind down and relax tonight, it is also time to recognize some LEADERS of INNOVATION. For the first time in the WIFKL series, we had initiated the Innovation Awards from various disciplines and sectors which you are about to witness in a while. These recognitions are a celebration and inspiration not only for the winners but as fine exemplary key indicators of being innovative and contributing ideas to the betterment of standards, applications, processes, common livelihood and economies.

10. The innovation awards is once again about rewarding the best and supporting organizations and individuals that show best how we can support each other in safeguarding our common heritage and ensuring a better future for all. What is more unique tonight would be the recognition of feats achieved by individuals from the grass root level, schools, universities and corporations which had showcased elements of Innovation. TAHNIAH to all the award recipients.

11. I would also like to congratulate the organizing committee of WIFKL 2013, led by the MOSTI Secretary General, Dato' Dr Rosli Mohamed for successfully planning and delivering this year's edition with his team members at MOSTI, Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM) and other supporting agencies under our care. TERIMA KASIH for your diligence and ability to be innovative in pushing forward WIFKL 2013 to greater heights.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

12. While I am at it, let us not forget the roles of the Corporate Sector, Businesses, Universities, Schools and NGOs and all other key players of our economy in making WIFKL 2013 a resounding success. We can no longer think individually in this new chapter of innovation paradigm. All key partners have a significant role to play and for that I would like to, on behalf of the Government of Malaysia, THANK YOU very much for being part of this great on-going process in national transformation.

13. Before I conclude, my heartfelt thanks once again to all of you for the support rendered in making WIFKL 2013 a great success. We could not have gone this far tonight without your participation and most importantly our common strong belief that this is THE FUTURE WE DESIRE...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH and ENJOY THE EVENING.