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Dif-dif Kehormat, daripada sektor awam, industri, badan profesional Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan, sidang hadirin yang dimuliakan,

Salam Sejahtera dan Salam 1Malaysia.

Terlebih dahulu saya ingin merakamkan tahniah dan penghargaan kepada BiotechCorp kerana menganjurkan **HARI BIOEKONOMI** dan memastikan kesinambungan agenda memajukan industri berasaskan bio di Sarawak. Izinkan saya untuk meneruskan ucapan ini dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

2. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to Bioeconomy Day in Kuching, Sarawak. I had the privilege to attend the Bioeconomy Day held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah last November, and I am certain that today's event will prove to be as enriching and stimulating.

3. The Bioeconomy Day is among the many initiatives undertaken by MOSTI and BiotechCorp to drive the bio-based industry across Malaysia and position the country at the forefront of global economic growth.

4. As the Ministry entrusted to lead the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy in Malaysia, MOSTI sees bioeconomy as a significant contributor to the country's innovation and knowledge-based economy. Bioeconomy has the potential to bring about the multiplier effects on the economy and positively impact people's income and welfare.

5. Acknowledging this significant growth proposition, the Government of Malaysia launched the Bioeconomy Transformation Programme (BTP) on 30 October 2012 during the National Bioeconomy Council Meeting, making Malaysia the first country in Southeast Asia and the second in Asia after China to have implemented a bioeconomy initiative.

6. Malaysia joins advanced nations including the United States, EU, South Africa, China, Australia, Canada, Finland and Russia in developing its own bioeconomy initiative. These countries offer attractive incentives, promising programmes and significant investments to boost the bioeconomy sector.

7. The implementation of BTP and Bioeconomy Community Development Programme (BCDP) in Malaysia is seen to elevate the country's socio-economic development. As of 2014, bioeconomy as a whole contributed up to 15.8 per cent of the total Malaysian GDP, a contribution equivalent to RM175.4 billion.

8. Bioeconomy's contribution is expected to grow higher in the coming years and I believe we are moving in the right direction in terms of establishing a robust bioeconomy sector that is at par with other developed nations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. As the BTP and BCDP initiatives are closely aligned with the strategic thrusts of the 11th Malaysia Plan, MOSTI and BiotechCorp play a crucial role in driving these initiatives to transform Malaysia into a high-income, sustainable and inclusive nation. This can be achieved through

collaborations among the public and private sectors in Sarawak, especially through BCDP projects, which will help to improve the social mobility and uplift the income of the community.

10. We are also looking to unleash the potential of bio-based companies in Sarawak and create new BTP and BCDP projects as well as BioNexus Status companies amongst the local Sarawak business community. These efforts are expected to establish a strong bioeconomy in Sarawak and improve the state's economic growth, thus enhancing inclusiveness towards an equitable society.

11. While Sarawak's economy has grown substantially in the past five decades, new initiatives are required to diversify the state's economy and provide added value across all its sectors, particularly in the industrial and agricultural industries. In this respect, the implementation of BTP and BCDP in Sarawak can speed up this process, as the state is able to shift away from its commodities-based economy.

12. We need to step up our efforts to ensure bioeconomy plays a significant role in catalysing Sarawak's economy. Bioeconomy offers new markets and opportunities for growth, which the state can take advantage of. With its limitless natural resources and strategic geographical location, Sarawak has excellent conditions in place to develop a robust bioeconomy.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. The positive response and outcomes from the Bioeconomy Day held last November in Sabah has driven me to believe that the same can be achieved in Sarawak. Concerted efforts by all stakeholders are

required for bioeconomy to flourish and contribute as a knowledge-based economy in the state.

14. The success of these efforts strongly depending on effective partnerships and collaborations among ministries, economic corridors, academia, non-governmental organisations as well as the public and private sectors.

15. Focusing on STI will also drive bioeconomy projects in Sarawak to the fullest potential, as this forms the foundation of our innovation and economic development. In this respect, MOSTI is dedicated in its role as the main driver of STI policy in Malaysia and will continue to support the national bioeconomy agenda by offering fiscal incentives and facilitation measures to support rapid growth of the industry.

16. As part of MOSTI's mission to further boost the bioeconomy sector in Borneo, I am pleased to announce the upcoming BioBorneo 2016 event which will be held also in Kuching sometime in March. Jointly organised by MOSTI, BiotechCorp and Sarawak Biodiversity Centre, this event aims to share information on current bioeconomy R&D efforts and related business potential, as well as bioeconomy programmes and implementation in Malaysia.

17. I would like to invite everyone to this prestigious conference and exhibition. It would be an honour to have your presence there, as we share Malaysia's bioeconomy agenda to further understand and increase our collaboration together in the science and technology sectors.

18. Finally, I must thank everyone especially Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan for your presence today to witness some of the

best ideas in Malaysia's bio-based industry and to take that first step towards a shared success.

Sekian. Terima kasih.