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Salutations:

- Y.Bhg Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah
 MIMOS President and Chief Executive Officer
- YBerusaha Mr Morten Illum
 General Manager, Hewlett Packard Asia Pacific
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- YBerusaha Mr. Thillai Raj Chief Technology Officer, MIMOS
- YBerusaha Mr Thiyagu Letchumanan Managing Director, Hewlett Packard (M) Sdn Bhd

Honoured guests,

MIMOS officials,

Members of the media,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to say a few words today, on what is another landmark moment for MIMOS, a strategic agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Allow me to start off by congratulating both MIMOS and HP for undertaking the SDN Ecosystem partnership.

MIMOS has always been open to collaboration with outside parties in their quest to further contribute to the national agenda of transforming Malaysia into a digital, innovation economy. HP, as one of the world's largest information technology companies, has been a mainstay in Malaysia's ICT scene for years, and has been spearheading innovations and technologies to give businesses here an edge.

I believe today's partnership will bear fruit for both parties in numerous ways. It will allow MIMOS to utilise resources and expertise available through the Software-defined Networking (SDN) Ecosystem to boost creativity and innovation. For HP, this collaboration with Malaysia's leader in ICT innovations will pave the way for them to further strengthen their efforts to deliver new solutions to help customers along the SDN journey and push the market forward. The fact that HP has chosen MIMOS to be its first and currently the only SDN partner amongst ASEAN countries further prove of our local technology's maturity.

It is a win-win collaboration for both parties, and even more so, it is a win for Malaysia's digital landscape.

Ladies and gentlemen;

The partnership signed today is in line with MIMOS' positioning as a strategic platform to accelerate and support objectives of national relevance and reaffirms its role as the national R&D centre. More importantly, however, is the fact that this partnership fully supports the growth of the country's digital economy and is aligned to Malaysia's Digital Lifestyle initiative.

The outcome of this partnership is hoped to contribute towards many more technology commercialisation in conjunction with MOSTI Year of Commercialisation 2014.

As you would know, Digital Malaysia is one of the key components of the National Transformation Policy. This initiative is aimed at creating an ecosystem that promotes the pervasive use of ICT in all aspects of the economy to increase our Gross National Income, enhance productivity and result in an improved standard of living.

The Government expects ICT services and eCommerce to be the largest contributors to Malaysia's Digital Economy, with these sectors contributing 17% to the country's GNI by 2020.

We at MOSTI are doing our part to fulfil this vision by driving a sustainable R&D and ICT ecosystem and environment that is conducive to science and technology. The ministry will continue to plan and execute programmes and activities that will place science, technology and innovation in the forefront.

All these will result in a developed digital economy that connects and empowers the government, businesses and citizens. Digital Malaysia will drive the nation's wealth creation and enhance the standard of living so that the country will advance towards a developed digital economy by 2020.

Ladies and gentlemen;

I hope this partnership will spur more such relationships between multinational corporations and homegrown agencies, all in the name of advancing ICT in Malaysia.

This is not the first collaboration between a global multinational company and a national centre, and I hope that it will not be the last. ICT partnerships and joint-venture initiatives play a key role in supporting local industries and improving their capacities through technology.

This is evident by the growing number of Malaysian technology solutions adopted by the government under its transformation programmes.

Above all, it is my hope that this collaboration will contribute towards strengthening the role of science and technology in driving the country's development and position Malaysia in the global markets as an advanced, regional centre of excellence.

Once again, I congratulate MIMOS and HP on their SDN Ecosystem partnership. I look forward to innovations that will transform Malaysia into a Digital, Innovation Economy, promote homegrown technologies and empower local researchers, companies and industries coming about from this fruitful endeavor.

Thank you.