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**MEMORANDUM SIGNING FOR SMART
COOPERATION
AND
OFFICIATION OF REDICS
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Distinguished Delegates from KAERI

Distinguished Delegates from MOSTI

Ladies and Gentlemen,

A very Good Morning.

1. I would like to start by thanking Nuclear Agency for inviting me to be here today to officiate this ceremony on “Memorandum Signing for SMART Cooperation and Officiation of ReDICS”.
2. This occasion offers me the opportunity to visit Nuclear Malaysia and Malaysia’s only reactor, the TRIGA PUSPATI as well as to be introduced to the management of Nuclear Malaysia under the leadership of YBhg Dato’ Dr Muhamad Lebai Juri.
3. As an agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Nuclear Malaysia has played a pivotal role in doing research, development and commercialisation of nuclear science and technology in the country.

4. In addition, the agency role in coordinating and managing nuclear affairs and as the liaison agency to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has culminated in Malaysia's involvement at international levels and addressing the usage of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.
5. Indeed, with the ample opportunities to be part of trainings and events at both national and international levels, as a result, Nuclear Malaysia has been able to convert the knowledge in nuclear science and technology to products and services for the society. With this, Nuclear Malaysia was the chief contributor to MOSTI's achievement in its Key Performance Index for 2013. Congratulations.

Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. It is an honour to be here today to witness the marking of another milestone for Nuclear Malaysia with its collaborative work with Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI).
7. With more than 50 years of diplomatic and cooperative relations between Malaysia and Korea, the government of Malaysia has long acknowledged Korea's technical expertise based on its impressive economic growth. In particular, Korea's expertise in the realm of nuclear power has made possible this collaborative work between Nuclear Malaysia and KAERI. I'm certain that this collaboration will also bring forth mutual benefits to both parties, essentially helping Nuclear Malaysia to upgrade their expertise in nuclear science and technology and expanding relations between the researchers of Malaysia and Korea.

Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. I'm delighted to know that this ceremony celebrates the successful completion of a project, financed under the 10th Malaysia Plan for the ReDICS Project. I have great confidence that the RM 5.5 million investments in the project will contribute to Malaysia in realising its aspirations to become a progressive and high-income nation, as visualised by the Right Honorable Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri MohdNajibTunRazak when he launched the 10th Malaysia Plan.
9. I'm made to understand the Reactor Digital Instrumentation and Control System or ReDICS project will now have a more updated system which complies with the current safety requirements.

10. This strong sense of addressing safety compliance is an upright and commendable quality for an agency which manages matters in nuclear technology. With today's information laden world, the Malaysian public has, of late, been visibly concerned with public safety. By walking the talk and addressing safety compliance, I hope that this will be an evidence that Nuclear Malaysia can put forth to convince the public that the Agency's activities are controlled, and thus the public and environment are kept safe.

Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

11. I am sure that today's signing of Memorandum of Understanding for SMART Cooperation with KAERI will offer the needed platform to explore the potential of Malaysia having a more advanced reactor known as the System-integrated Modular Advanced Reactor or SMART.
12. With the past 30 year experience operating a reactor, I have the confidence that Nuclear Malaysia has the necessary expertise and enthusiasm to carry out the proposed project to fruition. I wish you all the best.

Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. Finally, I wish to congratulate Nuclear Malaysia for the current initiatives and achievements in sustaining the national preparedness to face the continuous challenges in the field of nuclear science and technology.
14. It is my sincere hope that Nuclear Malaysia, under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) will continue to contribute towards generating relevant know-how that is essential for the development of future economy.
15. To all esteem guests from the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI), I join the Director-

General of Nuclear Malaysia in wishing all of you a fruitful and enjoyable stay in Malaysia.

16. On that note, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to officially declare open this signing ceremony of “Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for SMART Cooperation and Officiating of ReDICS”.

Thank you.