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**Salam 1 Malaysia**

1. Terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada BiotechCorp kerana menjemput saya ke Majlis **“BIO APPRECIATION NIGHT 2015.”** Di kesempatan ini saya juga ingin merakamkan ucapan syabas dan tahniah kepada pihak BiotechCorp di atas usaha dan kejayaan membimbing syarikat-syarikat berstatus BioNexus sehingga mencapai kejayaan yang membanggakan setakat ini.

Ladies and Gentlemen

2. I am delighted to join you tonight for the presentation of this year's Bio Appreciation Night 2015 awards. **I am also pleased to acknowledge the presence of HIS EXCELLENCY DR SOURIOUDONG SUNDARA, Vice Minister of Science and Technology, Lao PDR and HIS EXCELLENCY DR TUNG CINY, Under Secretary of State, National COST Chairman, Ministry of Industry and Handicraft, Cambodia and their delegations.**

3. As the bio-based technology grows steadily in Malaysia, so do the achievements of the industry players. As such, it is fitting that the awards that will be presented tonight cover a wide spectrum of the bio-based industry.

4. As what Tan Sri has just mentioned, I am delighted to learn that this is the first time that the awards are presented to three (3) different categories, namely

- i. **the Industry Excellence Awards;**
- ii. **the BioNexus Achievements Awards; and**
- iii. **the BioNexus Partners Excellence Awards.**

5. These awards illustrate that accomplishments are attained not by a single player, but as a collective entity. By working together, we have steered Malaysia's bio-based industries to the forefront.

6. I am pleased to note that we have managed to attract a total investment of RM26.7 billion from 2006-2015 through the National Biotechnology Policy (NBP). In this phase of "Science to Business" (2011-2015), we have surpassed the investment target of RM9 billion, with approved investments of RM21.3 billion thus far. I am also delighted to note that the number of BioNexus Status companies has increased from 5 companies in 2006 to 261 companies now, generating a total of RM6.42 billion worth of approved investments.

7. **Bio-based innovations and technologies have also empowered us to make impactful changes to people's livelihoods and to boost the country's economy.** Tonight's awards serves as a formal recognition to the contributions of the industry players in driving Malaysia's bioeconomy agenda.

Ladies and gentlemen

8. I have been informed that it was not such an easy and straightforward task for the judges to select the winners. This shows that **Malaysia's bio-based industry is not short of outstanding leaders and innovators** and I consider this as a very healthy indication with respect to the growth of bio-based industry in Malaysia.

9. We need to start looking at the bio-based industry as a race which we aim to win. Only then will we continuously push ourselves and leverage our strengths to enhance our competitive edge in the industry.

10. With less than a year before we enter **the National Biotechnology Policy's (NBP) third phase of 'Global Business,'** we need to speed up our efforts to stay in the game and be competitive globally. This is central to meet our target of **creating at least 20 homegrown bio-based champions by the year 2020.**

11. Hence, I look forward to witnessing more collaborations and partnerships fostered among all industry players to drive the development of the country's bio-based industry forward. In this regard, I am pleased to see the growing **public – private partnerships** and thanks to strategies like the **Bioeconomy Transformation Programme (BTP)**, which provides an opportunity for the government and private sector to work together.

Ladies and gentlemen

12. Allow me to say a few words about **the late Tan Sri Dr Jamaluddin Mohd Jarjis who is the recipient of tonight's Posthumous Award.** Tan Sri Dr. Jamaluddin Jarjis, or fondly known as JJ, was a man with many talents. He was undoubtedly an inspiring individual who achieved professional success in his personal career – thanks to his strong leadership, strategic risk taking, decision making and willingness to innovate.

13. This award is a way of honouring his life and work. Although he may not be with us today, his legacy will continue to live in the hearts and minds of all Malaysians. His dedication, patriotism and visionary leadership in shaping Malaysia's biotechnology policy is an inspiration to all of us.

14. On behalf of everybody that is here tonight, I would like to **acknowledge and thank PUAN SRI DR KALSOM ISMAIL for making time to be with us.**

15. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate once again, the BiotechCorp as the organiser of tonight's event. In the span of **10 years**, BiotechCorp has grown in strength, the most recent being **the opening of its first flagship office – BiotechCorp International Inc.(BII) in San Francisco, June this year**. BiotechCorp's success is a reflection of the bio-based industry's advancement in the country.

Hadirin sekalian

16. Mengakhiri ucapan, sekali lagi saya ucapkan tahniah kepada semua pemenang anugerah pada malam ini. Semoga ini akan menjadi pendorong kepada semua pendokong **agenda sains, teknologi dan inovasi (STI) serta bioteknologi negara untuk terus cemerlang**.

Sekian. Terima kasih.