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## CER MoU EXCHANGE CEREMONY BETWEEN MIMOS, MaGIC AND ACCENTURE Building the Innovation Supercluster Framework CYBERJAYA, 17 JAN 2018

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Ladies and gentlemen

Selamat petang, salam sejahtera dan salam 1Negaraku Malaysia

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

- I am delighted to be here today to say a few words before witnessing the Corporate Entrepreneurship Responsibility (CER) MoU Exchange Ceremony between MIMOS, MaGIC and Accenture towards Building the Innovation Supercluster Framework which is led by MaGIC.
- I truly appreciate your favourable response to our invitation in support of this initiative, which is aimed at advancing the development of innovation-based entrepreneurship in this country and our region in line with our National Transformation agenda.
- 3. If I understand correctly, our mission in this MoU is specifically to strengthen local business and entrepreneurial ecosystems, build 21<sup>st</sup> century business leaders and entrepreneurs, and breed innovative thinking to accelerate the creation of sustainable, scalable enterprises that can bring significant social and economic impact as we race towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
- 4. In this early journey to this Revolution, Malaysia is already going through a rapid digital transformation, and we are exploring every possible opportunity related to the development of business and entrepreneurship. This will include initiatives related to the development of key areas such as Smart Cities, Smart Governance, Smart Healthcare, Smart Infrastructure, Smart Mobility and Smart Energy.
- 5. I understand that this MoU will see Accenture and MIMOS becoming members of MaGIC's CER Circle initiative whereby the partnership will bring together important factors for successful entrepreneurship

programmes namely MIMOS' advanced technologies and Accenture's prowess in strategy, services as well as technology and business consulting.

6. This is an excellent example of the application of the **National Blue**Ocean Strategy, and MOSTI is proud to be part of this initiative.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 7. I recently stumbled upon an **old web publication**<sup>1</sup> which posted about some **quirky but fabulous and feasible ideas** that people have actually implemented in other countries to make their cities more sustainable and liveable. Here's some of the things they did:
  - In Japan, there is an underground bicycle parking facility that can store more than 200 bikes. Above the ground, the facility is no bigger than the size of a security booth.
  - In East London, a company placed smart tiles that capture kinetic
    energy from pedestrians' footsteps and convert it into electricity that is
    used to power the streetlights above.
  - In Lima, Peru, researchers at the University of Engineering and
    Technology has designed a billboard that creates clean drinking
    water from atmospheric humidity. This single advertising billboard
    can produce nearly 100 litres of drinking water a day, which the public
    can take for free.

- 8. Mind you, this website entry is dated 2015, but his just shows that there is no limit to innovation. The goal of innovation is to bring positive change. We want to live in a better world; live in cleaner and healthier environment; work, move, travel and communicate more efficiently, access smart services and other opportunities to make our lives better.
- 9. Through this MoU, MIMOS can provide the facilities for research, testing, prototyping, advice on manufacturing and technologies for the said programmes and activities. I also know MIMOS has a Design Centre with 3D printer that can create anything from circuit boards to high-tech furniture to gadget prototypes and car models.
- 10. Then, we would want to align innovation investments with business strategy that's where Accenture comes in.
- 11. The **Innovation Supercluster** will create **opportunities for innovation**, empower entrepreneurs and their businesses, and ultimately strengthen our digital economy.
- 12. I welcome startups as well as individual technopreneurs to come to join us in this exciting network. The more the merrier and more powerful our sandbox will be.
- 13. We want this collaboration to be an **active playground for industry** where **novel**, **citizen-centric ideas** can be developed through genuine Blue Ocean connections.

## Ladies and Gentlemen

- 14. Supercluster the players may be, but the value of the sandbox lies in its ability to identify synergies and explore potential collaborations among the network. From there, success lies in our ability to execute the projects, as the sandbox will have all the necessary factors that can ensure sustainable development.
- 15. I am positive that together, MIMOS, MaGIC and Accenture can make a remarkable partnership in the sandbox that can bring successes that you may have never imagined before.
- 16. I must thank MaGIC, Accenture and MIMOS for having initiated this fantastic collaboration. When innovations generated are relevant and are getting appropriate support, the benefits will be enjoyed by both the participants and society at large.
- 17. At MOSTI and MIMOS, I look forward to working with a new breed of Malaysian society where **passion**, **creativity and entrepreneurial spirit** drive **fresh innovations** that can solve issues to improve the quality and standard of our lives.
- 18. I wish this collaboration every success. Thank you.

## REFERENCE

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