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**THE 7TH BIENNIAL REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TOTAL
LABORATORY MANAGEMENT - QUALITY, SAFETY,
ENVIRONMENT AND LABORATORY INFORMATICS
(7QSEL 2015)**

**THE 4TH FEDERATION OF ASIAN POLYMER SOCIETIES
INTERNATIONAL POLYMER CONGRESS (4FAPS-IPC 2015)**

AND

LAB ASIA 2015

**PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE
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I am pleased to join all of you this morning at the **7TH BIENNIAL REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TOTAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT (QSEL) 2015** which is being held in conjunction with the **4TH FEDERATION OF ASIAN POLYMER SOCIETIES INTERNATIONAL POLYMER CONGRESS OR 4FAPS-IPC 2015** and **LAB ASIA 2015**.

2. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest appreciation and warm welcome to all delegates and speakers especially from abroad. I have been informed that **we also have with us delegates from the Australia, China, France India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan Thailand and the United States**. Thank you so much for coming and I wish you all a pleasant stay in Malaysia

3. I also like to extend my **thanks to the Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (IKM) and agencies under MOSTI in particular the Department of Chemistry Malaysia and the Department of Standards Malaysia** who have worked tirelessly in organizing these three events.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. We all know that **ensuring safety and quality in laboratories require special laboratory management skills and knowledge**. It is therefore important to provide the knowledge to laboratory personnel about the latest technologies available in the market to increase laboratory efficiency.

5. It is also equally important for them to have the necessary **knowledge about the latest certification, laboratory quality and environmental management, safety, laboratory informatics and technologies** which are essential for the smooth running of laboratories.

6. Thus this symposium held today is timely where laboratory experts and practitioners will speak on their respective areas. I have been told that over **200 participants, mostly from Standards Malaysia Accredited Laboratories are participating in this event**. This is by no means a small number and I must congratulate the organiser for a job well done.

Distinguished delegates,

7. **The rapid advances in polymers have been remarkable especially in health, medicine, clothing, transportation, housing, defense, energy and electronics.**

8. In this regard, I am pleased to note that this **4FAPS-IPC 2015 will bring together polymer scientists, academia and researchers from all over the world to discuss, deliberate and share the advancement of polymer research and development.**

9. **Utilization of polymer technology in household and industrial applications has not been fully exploited.** There are still huge opportunities for creating new polymeric materials and modifying existing polymers for new applications. As such **the theme of the 4th Federation of Asian Polymer Societies International Polymer Congress which is ‘*Functional Polymers – Advanced Materials for The Future*’, is relevant and fitting.**

10. I am also delighted that **LAB ASIA 2015 is providing a strategic avenue for exhibitors from around the world to showcase their latest scientific equipment, state of the arts laboratory instruments as well as specialized software and analytical services.**

11. In this regard, I would like to acknowledge and welcome the participation of some **163 exhibitors including the internationals from China, Germany, India, Korea and Singapore.**

12. I also understand that **LAB ASIA 2015 will also bring together scientific and analytical laboratory elites such as professional chemists, biochemists, microbiologists, analysts, lab managers and quality control** who will impart technical knowledge and knowhow.

13. This **networking and sharing of expertise will go a long way in discovering and developing better and more innovative laboratory equipment and instruments** which can perform complex task and calculation faster and accurately. It is therefore inevitable for us **to invent and innovate new scientific knowledge that can lead to new scientific breakthroughs.**

14. **The world's scientific establishment has to assume new roles.** It is now imperative and necessary to forge closer cooperation between governmental and academic bodies, between industry and researchers, investors and the public to address these global challenges facing us.

Distinguished delegates, speakers and participants,

15. I am sure this four-day symposium and the showcase of the latest scientific equipment around the world will bring exciting and new scientific insight to all participants. The meeting will provide an open arena for all interested stakeholders to freely exchange new ideas and share common visions, have fruitful discussion on challenges, to create a common understanding of how to apply and disseminate scientific knowledge for a better tomorrow for all us.

16. **On this note, it is my pleasure and honour to declare the 7TH BIENNIAL REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TOTAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT - QUALITY, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND LABORATORY INFORMATICS (7QSEL 2015); THE 4TH FEDERATION OF ASIAN POLYMER SOCIETIES INTERNATIONAL POLYMER CONGRESS (4FAPS-IPC 2015); and LAB ASIA 2015 officially open.**

Sekian, Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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