

Welcome Remarks

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Assalammualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera, and a very good morning to all of you here today.

1. On behalf of the Construction Industry Development Board or CIDB Malaysia, I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the Press Conference of the 2019 Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA 2019).
2. The MCIEA is the nation's most prestigious construction industry awards, recognizing all-round excellence within the construction industry. First organized in 2000 by CIDB Malaysia, this has been the premier platform to showcase the outstanding achievements of developers, contractors and consultants, be they individuals or organisations.
3. This is the 19th year that the MCIEA is celebrating the high-achievements of Malaysian construction industry players. In that time, we have seen the construction sector grow tremendously, both qualitatively and quantitatively. However, as we are all well aware, the construction sector is facing challenges in both the domestic and global business environment.

4. In order to successfully navigate these economic challenges, the construction sector needs to continuously improve and expand its capabilities. CIDB Malaysia's mission is to transform Malaysia's construction sector into one that is highly-modern, productive and sustainable, as envisioned under the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) 2016-2020.
5. As we all know, the CITP's transformation programme encompasses 4 key strategic thrusts: Quality, Safety and Professionalism; Environmental Sustainability; Productivity; and Internationalisation & Competitiveness. Currently, the CITP is in the last victory lap to drive construction excellence and bring the Malaysian construction sector to the next level of competitiveness, which brings us to why we are here today.

Ladies and gentlemen,

6. MCIEA recognises the stars of the Malaysian construction industry whose work has enhanced the image, performance and quality of the various fields represented in the construction industry. For this year's Awards, we are heartened to note that we have received a total of 144 submissions. However, this year's Awards is more competitive as it only has 5 categories, compared to the 10 categories previously in 2018. The judging criteria has also been revised to reflect a more holistic approach to encourage industry players to continue raising the standard of the Malaysian construction sector, in line with the ultimate goal of the CITP.
7. This is to reflect the reality that for the Malaysian construction industry to move forward, industry players must adopt global best practices. As such, CIDB is encouraging a holistic approach in the effort to provide the impetus for Malaysian construction companies to significantly elevate their capabilities so that we can inspire solid consumer confidence on the domestic front, as well as gaining prominence as industry leaders in the international arena.

8. On this note, MCIEA is more than just an event to recognize your achievements, it is also a showcase of the global-standard excellence that Malaysians are capable of. The winners are the shining examples of what the Malaysian industry can be and should aspire to be.
9. To our winners, your achievements are a genuine inspiration for local players. We certainly encourage local players to lead the construction industry through their excellence in construction, and raise the standard of the Malaysian construction industry to be highly-modern, productive and sustainable, as envisioned under the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP) 2016-2020.
10. Allow me to also express my heartfelt thanks to our panel of distinguished judges. It's no exaggeration at all to say that they are the who's who of the construction industry, representing a wide stratum of stakeholders. Thank you for contributing your valuable time, effort and wisdom to review all the submissions. Thank you for your input and contribution towards making MCIEA 2019 a great success!
11. On that note, let me say congratulations to all our award winners again! I am glad to see that they and many others have really stepped up over the years to lead the Malaysian industry by example through their excellence in construction, both domestically and internationally. We certainly encourage more industry players to emulate the winners we are celebrating today, to truly become stars of the Malaysian construction industry.
12. With that, I wish you a wonderful day ahead. I look forward to continue celebrating even greater successes of our industry champions as we continue to work closely with each and every one of you to transform the Malaysian construction industry.
13. Sekian. Terima kasih.