

**SOFT LAUNCH OF
INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION
WEEK (ICW) & BUILDXPO 2025**

**THEME: CONSTRUCTING THE
FUTURE OF ASEAN**

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WELCOMING SPEECH

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Salam Sejahtera, Salam Malaysia MADANI.

1. To our esteemed Secretary General, Dato' Seri Azman bin Ibrahim, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering commitment to the continued development of Malaysia's construction industry. Your presence here today not only inspires us but also reaffirms the government's dedication to driving innovation, sustainability, and progress in this vital sector.

Esteemed guests, respected leaders of the construction sector, members of the media, valued partners, ladies and gentlemen.

2. It is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to the Soft Launch of the International Construction Week (ICW) and BuildXpo 2025. This year marks an extraordinary milestone—the 27th edition of ICW. For 27 years, ICW has stood at the forefront of industry transformation, addressing key challenges and promoting innovation, best practices and sustainability across the industry.

3. This year's theme, Constructing the Future of ASEAN, is particularly significant as Malaysia assumes the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025. As the anchor event for the construction industry, ICW and BuildXpo will serve as a key platform for advancing regional development, economic integration, and infrastructure growth.

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. A cornerstone of ICW is its official trade showcase, BuildXpo, jointly organised by CIDB Malaysia and Qube Integrated Malaysia Sdn Bhd. We extend our sincere appreciation to Qube for their invaluable partnership in elevating BuildXpo into a world-class trade exhibition, further cementing Malaysia's status as a hub for construction innovation and excellence.

5. BuildXpo 2025 will feature a comprehensive array of industry-leading products, services, and solutions, including:

- a. Cutting-edge construction technologies
- b. Advanced machinery and automation
- c. Industrialised Building Systems (IBS) and smart building solutions
- d. Innovative construction materials and digital tools

6. One of the major highlights of ICW & BuildXpo 2025 is the International Sourcing Programme, organised in collaboration with MATRADE. This initiative will bring together buyers from across the globe, offering exhibitors an opportunity to showcase their products, services, and solutions to international markets, facilitating global business growth and market expansion.

7. More than just a trade exhibition, BuildXpo is a catalyst for industry growth—a dynamic platform where business networking, brand exposure, and meaningful collaborations take place. It connects key players across the construction ecosystem, fostering new partnerships, investment opportunities, and strategic market positioning.

8. Beyond business, ICW & BuildXpo 2025 will also serve as a platform for critical industry discourse, knowledge exchange, and professional development. This year, we are proud to introduce a robust lineup of conferences, forums, and award programmes that will drive the future of construction:

- a. The International Construction Transformation Conference (ICTC), organised by CIDB Malaysia, bringing together industry leaders and experts to explore the latest trends in construction technology, sustainability, and digitalisation.
- b. The BINA Conference & Facilities Management Conference, focusing on sustainable building development, urban planning, and next-generation facilities management solutions.
- c. CCD & CPD Points Claimable Conferences & Forums, ensuring that industry professionals gain continuous learning and professional accreditation while engaging in meaningful discussions.

9. ICW 2025 will also witness the Quest Award, a prestigious recognition celebrating outstanding industry players who have demonstrated excellence in quality, safety and sustainability.

Ladies and gentlemen,

10. As we embark on this landmark edition of ICW & BuildXpo, I encourage all industry professionals, policymakers, and business leaders to seize opportunities for collaboration and investment, engage in meaningful discussions on industry transformation, and embrace new technologies and sustainable construction solutions.

11. The construction industry is at a turning point—embracing digital transformation and sustainable practices is no longer optional but imperative. ICW & BuildXpo 2025 will unite industry leaders to explore cutting-edge solutions. With strong participation from ASEAN member countries, this show will strengthen regional ties while expanding opportunities for Malaysian construction firms to compete and thrive in global and emerging markets.

12. On behalf of CIDB Malaysia, I extend my deepest appreciation to the Ministry of Works, our co-organiser Qube Integrated Malaysia Sdn Bhd, and all our partners, exhibitors, and stakeholders who continue to contribute to the success of ICW over the past 27 years.

13. With that, I officially welcome you to the 27th edition of ICW & BuildXpo 2025. I hope this event will serve as a catalyst for industry transformation, business expansion, and international collaboration.

Thank you, and I look forward to an inspiring ICW & BuildXpo 2025.