



**SPEECH**

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INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WEEK (ICW) &  
BUILDXPO 2025**

**Theme: Constructing the Future of ASEAN**

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## **[Salutations to be provided on event day]**

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Salam Malaysia MADANI, and a very good morning to all distinguished guests, industry partners, innovators, and friends.

### **Welcome**

1. It is my great honour to welcome you to ICW & BuildXpo 2025 – a landmark gathering that celebrates innovation, sustainability, and collaboration across Malaysia’s construction industry.
2. On behalf of CIDB Malaysia, I extend our deepest appreciation to YB Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi, Minister of Works, for gracing this occasion. Your presence and continued support inspire us to keep pushing boundaries in transforming Malaysia’s construction landscape.
3. We also thank our partners, sponsors, and exhibitors for making this event possible.

## **ICW 2025: A Platform for Growth**

4. This year's ICW is shaping up to be one of the largest and most dynamic editions to date. Our theme, "*Constructing the Future of ASEAN*", reflects Malaysia's leadership in regional collaboration and our shared drive to build smarter, greener, and more inclusive infrastructure.

5. At CIDB, our mission goes beyond regulation. We are enablers of growth, innovation, and excellence, supporting the industry's evolution toward smarter, more sustainable, and higher-quality construction.

6. Through our Construction 4.0 Roadmap, we are accelerating the adoption of digital tools such as Building Information Modelling (BIM), automation, and smart technologies – all aimed at improving safety, productivity, and resilience.

7. ICW 2025 is not just an exhibition; it is a living knowledge hub. This year's programme is curated to engage every segment of our ecosystem – from students and young professionals to practitioners and global experts.

## Empowering the Next Generation

8. Recognising that the future of construction lies in the hands of our youth, ICW 2025 hosts several signature programmes designed to inspire and empower young builders:

- The CIDB–CIOB Youth Arena Convention, now in its 11th year, features the AI Quest Challenge, Beyond BIM Paper Plane Challenge, and Future Builders: AI-Generated Video Challenge.
- The CIDB–MSSA Open Ideas Competition, held annually, brings together 21 teams from eight universities under the theme “*Steel Innovation for a Timeless Nation*”, in collaboration with PNB Merdeka Ventures.
- The ASEAN Crane Planning Competition, organised with ISO Group, promotes safety and operational excellence with participation from nine ASEAN nations.
- The BIM Challenge 2025, in collaboration with CIDB E-Construct and JPPKK, draws over 500 participants exploring the theme “*Pioneering the Future of Smart Construction*”.
- The NextGen TVET: Modular Thinkers 2025, organised by CIDB IBS, challenges students to design a “Mini BINA City” using modular and IBS concepts, nurturing creativity, innovation, and teamwork.

## Enriching Industry Knowledge

9. For industry professionals and thought leaders, ICW 2025 offers a rich line-up of conferences and forums:

- The International Construction Transformation Conference (ICTC), headlined by Turner & Townsend, features global experts on innovation, technology, and sustainability.
- The Digital Construction Summit (DCS), now in its second edition, focuses on AI and digital integration in construction.
- The Women Way Forward Conference, jointly organised by CIDB and WIBM, celebrates women's leadership in the built environment.
- The Bamboo Expert Roundtable explores bamboo's potential as a regenerative building material.
- The Modular Asia Forum & Exhibition 2025 showcases modular systems and industrialised building approaches.
- The Facility Management Engagement Day highlights the importance of asset management and maintenance in sustaining our built environment.

## **Celebrating Excellence**

10. We are proud to host the QUEST Awards, now in its second year, celebrating excellence in quality, safety, and sustainability across public and private sector projects. Through this recognition, we aim to encourage continuous improvement and strengthen Malaysia's reputation for construction excellence.

## **Closing Message**

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. ICW & BuildXpo 2025 is a testament to the power of collaboration, where ideas are exchanged, partnerships are built, and the foundation of the future is laid.

12. Together, we are reinforcing Malaysia's position as a regional construction hub – one that embraces innovation, champions sustainability, and nurtures the next generation of builders.

13. I invite all participants to make full use of the opportunities this week, explore the exhibitions, join the discussions, and connect with fellow professionals.

14. Together, let us continue *Constructing the Future of ASEAN*.

Thank you, and Selamat Sejahtera.

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