



WELCOME SPEECH

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[Salutations to be provided on event day]

Distinguished guests, industry partners, exhibitors, and members of the media,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Opening and Welcome

1. A very good morning, and welcome to the **International Construction Week (ICW) and BuildXpo 2025** – Malaysia's most significant annual gathering for the construction and built environment sector.
2. As the **Executive Chairman of Qube Integrated Malaysia**, I am deeply honoured to welcome you to this year's **BuildXpo**, organised in partnership with **CIDB Malaysia**.

BuildXpo: A Platform for Innovation and Opportunity

3. At Qube, our vision has always been clear – to create **meaningful platforms where innovation meets opportunity**, and where businesses can connect, collaborate, and grow. **BuildXpo** was conceived with exactly that in mind – a platform designed to bridge **industry needs with innovation and investment**.
4. This year, **BuildXpo 2025 spans over 10,000 square metres**, featuring **150 companies** and **350 exhibition booths**, representing **11 countries and territories**, including Malaysia, Austria, Brunei, Cambodia, China,

Japan, Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Thailand, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

5. Across these halls, you will see the best of what our industry has to offer – from **construction technologies and materials**, to **smart machinery, digital tools, and sustainable building solutions**. BuildXpo is more than a trade show – it is an ecosystem where ideas and innovation translate into real business opportunities.
6. We're proud to feature SIBS's modular home unit exhibition. A global leader in modular construction, SIBS is showcasing its technology — built in Malaysia — for the first time on a global stage, in partnership with CIDB IBS.
7. This vision of BuildXpo as a transformative platform was recognised in August, when BuildXpo Malaysia 2024 received the Trade Exhibition Excellence Award in the 10,001–20,000 sqm category at the Malaysia Business Events Awards 2025. This honour reflects the collaborative spirit we share with CIDB, our partners, and exhibitors.

Business Matching and International Trade Opportunities (INSP)

8. Beyond exhibitions, BuildXpo's business matching programme is one of its most powerful features.
9. We're proud to once again partner with MATRADE to deliver the International Sourcing Programme (INSP), connecting Malaysian

suppliers with global buyers seeking high-quality construction products and services.

10. This year, we welcome **17 international buyers** from **12 countries** – including **Bangladesh, China, Greece, India, Kuwait, Myanmar, Philippines, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and Trinidad & Tobago** – engaging across sectors from green technology to smart infrastructure.
11. These one-on-one sessions foster real trade linkages, technology transfer, and investment partnerships. Together with the broader BuildXpo platform, the INSP is expected to generate over RM700 million in potential trade value, a testament to the vibrancy of our industry.

Future Plans: International Footprint and Presence

12. Looking ahead, we're committed to expanding BuildXpo's international presence. We aim to forge strategic partnerships with global showcases and position Malaysia as a regional hub for construction excellence.
13. One such collaboration is with GlassTech Asia & Fenestration Asia (GAFA) 2026, organised by Messe Munchen International Asia. Held in conjunction with BuildXpo 2026, GAFA will feature 350 exhibitors focused on glass, windows, façades, and sustainability, complementing BuildXpo's focus on construction technology, equipment, and materials.

Partnership and Collaboration

14. The success of ICW & BuildXpo 2025 is the result of strong partnership and shared vision. On behalf of Qube Integrated Malaysia, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to:
- **CIDB Malaysia**, our joint organiser and visionary partner, whose leadership continues to drive innovation and transformation across the construction ecosystem;
 - **The Ministry of Works**, for their trust and guidance;
 - **MATRADE**, for enabling international trade connections through the INSP; and
 - **Gamuda Berhad**, our **Key Industry Partner**, whose continued support reflects the industry's confidence in platforms that encourage collaboration and progress.
15. We also thank all **exhibitors, partners, and associations**, as well as **students and young professionals**, whose energy and curiosity bring new life and ideas to this event each year.

Closing: Building the Future Together

Ladies and gentlemen,

16. The construction industry is evolving rapidly. Through collaboration, innovation, and technology, we can shape an industry that is **smarter, more sustainable, and more connected – not just for Malaysia, but for the entire ASEAN region.**

17. On behalf of Qube Integrated Malaysia, I thank you all once again for being part of **ICW & BuildXpo 2025**.

Thank you.

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