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**SPEECH OF**

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**FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF**

**ASEAN TVET FRIENDLY MATCH 2025**

**THURSDAY | 26 JUNE 2025**

**DEWAN TUN DR. ISMAIL, WORLD TRADE CENTRE**

## **SALUTATION**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan Salam Sejahtera,  
Salam Malaysia MADANI, Good Evening and Selamat Datang.

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- I. Honourable Dato' Sri Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Mohamad, Deputy Minister of Human Resources;
- II. YBhg. Dato' Mohd Sakeri Bin Abdul Kadir, the Deputy Secretary General (Policy and Development);
- III. YBhg. Dato' Zainal Alhakab Seman, the Deputy Secretary General (Management);
- IV. YBrs. Puan Zainora Zainal, Chief Executive, Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB);
- V. All the distinguished guests; and
- VI. Respective delegates and representatives from ASEAN countries and guests nations.

## Event Success

Excellencies, delegates, esteemed experts, dedicated coaches, incredible team leaders, distinguished guests, and most importantly, our future-builders – the phenomenal competitors and participants,

1. Awesome! What an extraordinary four days it has been! On behalf of the Ministry of Works, the people and Government of Malaysia, it is indeed with pride and full of gratitude, that I stand before you today to mark the triumphant conclusion of the inaugural **ASEAN TVET Friendly Match 2025**.
2. From 24th June 2025 till this afternoon, participants from ASEAN and invited nations have showcased individual and teamwork prowess in 9 skills area namely bricklaying, electrical installations, mechanical engineering CAD, digital construction, cabinet making, welding, joinery and carpentry, plumbing and heating, and refrigeration and air-conditioning.
3. Our cutting-edge facilities namely the MyBIM Centre, Akademi Binaan Malaysia, FITEC, and the CIDB Convention Centre, became vibrant arenas of skill, precision, unwavering dedication and teamwork. We saw the grit in every brick laid, the spark in every weld, the ingenuity in every circuit, and the artistry in every cut of wood.
4. You have collectively illustrated the very backbone of our region's progress! Each task, each challenge, was a testament to the

essential role TVET plays in building the resilient, sustainable infrastructure that will define and shape our vibrant future.

## **Unity through Talent for Sustainability**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Guests,

5. This event, held in conjunction with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship, was more than just a competition; it was a powerful statement of unity and ambition. We came together from Asean and across Asia, a vibrant tapestry of expertise and aspiration, all united by a common goal: to uplift TVET, empower our youth, and champion the spirit of "Talent for Inclusivity and Sustainability for The Future". You, our participants, have brought this tagline to life with every fibre of your being! You are the living embodiment of how investing in human capital and skills development translates directly into equitable opportunities and drives sustainable growth across all sectors, especially in construction.
  
6. As one of the champions of TVET in Malaysia, the Ministry of Works Malaysia who consistently organizing WorldSkills competitions, will continue its effort for developing a robust, future-ready construction workforce and entrepreneurs. This is in line with our **National Construction Policy 2030**, our national policy "**Malaysia Madani**", and ultimately contribute to developing a market-responsive workforce in line with the priority areas of **ASEAN TVET**

**Councils.** And what we have witnessed here affirms that the flame of excellence burns brighter than ever across ASEAN and beyond!

7. To our incredible participants: **You are Winners** in every single one of you! There are **no losers here!** The skills you've honed, the challenges you've overcome, the determination and motivation that you have accumulated, and the friendships you've forged here will serve as invaluable cornerstones for your careers and future. You are the vanguard of a new era, poised to innovate, create, and build a world where talent knows no bounds.

### **TVET as the Key to Limitless Potential**

8. To all delegates, experts, and coaches: your unwavering commitment to nurturing this talent is nothing short of heroic. The exchange of knowledge, the shared best practices, and the networks established during this friendly match will resonate for years to come, elevating TVET standards throughout our region. This is just the beginning of our journey to forge a more integrated and skilled ASEAN community.
9. The energy, the passion, the sheer brilliance displayed here leaves me certain that the future of our industries, our economies, and our people is in exceptionally capable hands. Let us carry this momentum forward, continuously striving for excellence, embracing innovation, and building a world where every young person could unleash their full potential through TVET.

10. I would like to re-iterate what being said by the Deputy Minister of Works during the launching ceremony. I really hope that the TVET skills that you have acquired and the competitiveness that you have learned here should be further enhanced with softskills especially in the entrepreneurship, financial literacy and effective communication. It is our hope that you will not only add to the numbers of skilled workers, but TVET is able to produce technopreneurs especially in the building industry in the future. This is our hope and this is our dream! Skilled and successful technopreneurs in the building industry.

## Closing

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Guests,

12. Before concluding my speech, I would like to take this opportunity to thank **YB Dato' Sri Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Mohamad**, the Deputy Minister of Human Resources, who has graciously agreed to deliver the closing remarks. Your presence here underscores the commitment of the Ministry of Human Resources to the growth of our young talents, and we are truly grateful for your support.
13. My sincere thanks to our fellow partnering agencies in TVET development in Malaysia namely **the Malaysian TVET Council** whom also represents the ASEAN TVET Council, the **Skills Development Department** which also takes the role of Worldskills Malaysia, **all 12 TVET Ministries** and all our TVET institutions, for your valuable contribution towards TVET development in Malaysia.

14. My heartfelt gratitudes to all our **sponsors** for your support throughout this competition, as well as to **the judges** of the competition, and to all involved directly or indirectly in making this, a successful event!
  
15. Finally, to **all our participants, delegates, ASEAN countries and invited guests nations**, thank you for your invaluable participation, your incredible spirit-de-corp, for making this inaugural ASEAN TVET Friendly Match 2025 an unforgettable, roaring success! Go forth, build, and inspire! The future awaits, and it's brighter because of you!

Thank you! Xieh Xieh! Domo Arigato! Kamsa Hamida! Salamat Po! (tagalog), Akun (Cambodia), Obrigadu (Timor-Leste) and Terima kasih!

Wabillahi Taufiq Wal Hidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.