WELCOME REMARKS

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera dan Selamat Pagi.

Salam Malaysia Madani,

1. Saya dengan sukacita mengalu-alukan kehadiran semua para hadirin ke ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026. Bagi pihak Qube International, saya merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan mengucapkan terima kasih atas kesudian semua meluangkan masa untuk sama-sama menjayakan acara penting pada pagi ini yang menghimpunkan warga industri pembinaan dan persekitaran binaan.

2. Kami amat berbesar hati dan mengalu-alukan kehadiran YAB Perdana Menteri Malaysia, YB Menteri Kerja Raya, barisan kepimpinan Kementerian Kerja Raya dan CIDB Malaysia, wakil-wakil kementerian dan agensi kerajaan, rakan strategik industri, para peserta pameran, delegasi antarabangsa serta para pengamal media. Kehadiran semua pihak mencerminkan komitmen dan kepentingan kerjasama erat dalam menyatukan seluruh ekosistem industri sebagai platform untuk bertukar-tukar

pandangan, berkongsi pengetahuan serta meneroka idea dan peluang-peluang baru dalam usaha memacu kemajuan dan membentuk masa depan industri pembinaan dan persekitaran binaan negara ketahap yang lebih tinggi.

Honoured Guests, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome you to ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026. On behalf of Qube International, thank you for joining us at this important gathering for the construction and built environment industry.

We are especially honoured to welcome the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Minister of Works, the leadership of the Ministry of Works and CIDB Malaysia, representatives of government ministries and agencies, our industry partners, exhibitors, delegates and members of the media. Your presence reflects the importance of bringing the industry together to exchange ideas and shape its future.

3. Qube is proud to work alongside the Ministry of Works and CIDB Malaysia in delivering this event. Our shared aim is to create

a platform that connects people, ideas, technologies and business opportunities, and delivers meaningful value to the industry.

4. It is particularly pleasing for me personally to stand before you and deliver this Welcoming Remarks as I feel it is just a continuation of the job that I was doing when I was Chairman of CIDB for 6 years from February 2014 to February 2020. We embarked many initiatives during that period, particularly through the Construction Industry Transformation Programme (CITP). I am pleased to see that the International Construction Week or ICW has grown into an established annual gathering for Malaysia's construction industry, while BuildXpo Malaysia, as its official trade exhibition, provides businesses with a platform to showcase solutions, connect with potential partners and explore new markets.

5. This year is also a meaningful milestone for Qube. Established in 2005, we are a proudly homegrown Malaysian company with 21 years of experience in the business events and exhibitions industry. We have grown from our Malaysian roots to build a global reach and remain committed to creating platforms that connect businesses and open doors to new opportunities. For us, the value of ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia goes beyond the

exhibition floor. It is equally about sharing knowledge, understanding emerging trends and building relationships that can lead to better ways of working.

6. This year marks the 28th edition of International Construction Week and the fourth edition of BuildXpo Malaysia. Under the theme **“Beyond Limits”**, we are encouraging the industry to look beyond conventional approaches and embrace innovation, collaboration and change.

7. The construction sector is evolving rapidly. Digital technologies are changing how projects are planned and delivered, while new materials and construction methods offer opportunities to improve productivity. Sustainability, workforce development and better project outcomes are also becoming increasingly important.

8. No single organisation can address these challenges alone. Progress depends on stronger connections between government and industry, technology providers and end users, as well as experienced professionals and the next generation of talent. This is where ICW & BuildXpo can make a difference – by bringing the industry together and turning conversations into meaningful partnerships.

9. This year's programme features exhibitions, conferences, seminars and industry engagement activities covering construction innovation, emerging technologies and global markets. We are also pleased to welcome Glasstech Asia & Fenestration Asia 2026, co-located with ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia for the first time, bringing related sectors of the built environment together and creating further opportunities for collaboration.

10. We are equally encouraged by the continued growth of ICW Borneo, which held its second edition in Kota Kinabalu in May this year. Extending engagement beyond Kuala Lumpur helps more of Malaysia's construction ecosystem participate, exchange knowledge and connect with opportunities across the country and the wider region.

11. For this Kuala Lumpur edition, we are working towards bringing together more than 110 exhibitors from 10 countries and regions, welcoming up to 17,000 trade visitors and facilitating business matching with international buyers. Ultimately, however, success is not measured by numbers alone. It is also about the quality of connections made, knowledge shared and opportunities created.

12. My wish to everyone here is simple: make the most of your time with us. Explore the exhibition, attend the sessions, ask questions and connect with people beyond your usual networks. Some of the most valuable opportunities may come from conversations you did not expect to have.

13. To our exhibitors, speakers, delegates and industry partners, thank you for contributing your expertise and time. To the Ministry of Works, CIDB Malaysia and all supporting organisations, we appreciate your continued trust and collaboration. I also extend my sincere thanks to the Qube team and everyone working behind the scenes for their dedication in bringing this event together.

14. As we begin ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026, I hope the coming days will be productive and inspiring, and that the connections and ideas shared here will continue to benefit the industry long after we leave MITEC. Personally, this event today will give me an opportunity to reconnect with past and present personalities and players of the industry that has always been and will always be part of me. Let us go beyond our limits, work more closely together and help shape a construction industry that is more innovative, competitive and ready for the future.

I wish everyone a successful and rewarding ICW & BuildXpo Malaysia 2026.

Thank you, Assalamu’alaikum, w.w.