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Your Excellencies,

Distinguished guests,

Representatives from ASEAN Member States,

Representatives of our Dialogue Partners and International
Organisations,

Leaders from the private sector and academia,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. It is a great honour to be here today for the Launching Ceremony of the ASEAN Energy Business Forum (AEBF) 2025. On behalf of the Government of Malaysia and the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, I wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) for organising this event and for its enduring leadership in fostering regional energy cooperation.
2. As Chair of ASEAN in 2025, Malaysia is proud to lead the region under the overarching theme of “**ASEAN 2025: Inclusivity and Sustainability.**” This theme underscores our commitment to ensuring that regional economic growth remains dynamic, innovative, and most importantly equitable and people-centered.
3. In the energy sector, Malaysia has selected the theme “**Powering ASEAN: Bridging Boundaries, Building Prosperity.**” This reflects our conviction that energy is a vital enabler of regional economic integration and a key driver of inclusive development. It is a theme that calls for strengthened connectivity, collective action, and cross-border innovation.
4. The ASEAN Energy Business Forum 2025 scheduled to take place right here at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 15 to 17 October is an essential component of that vision. It will provide an open, inclusive, and dynamic platform for dialogue among ASEAN Member States, policymakers, business leaders, investors, researchers, and energy innovators.
5. The year 2025 is a pivotal turning point for ASEAN’s energy cooperation. It marks the culmination of the ASEAN Plan of Action for

Energy Cooperation (APAEC) Phase II (2021–2025) and the beginning of APAEC 2026–2035. As we prepare for this transition, we recognise the growing urgency to intensify our efforts in accelerating the clean energy transition, enhancing energy security, and expanding access especially in under-served communities across our region.

6. A key initiative under Malaysia’s Chairmanship is the **endorsement of the Enhanced Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the ASEAN Power Grid (APG)**. This will not only support regional grid integration, but also unlock the vast potential of multilateral electricity trade across borders. The APG is not merely an infrastructure project, it is a symbol of ASEAN solidarity and a concrete pathway to enable more renewable energy integration, reduce dependency on fossil fuels, and create resilient energy systems.
7. However, the success of this initiative hinges on more than just policy commitments. It requires strong collaboration among all segments of society. We need the active involvement of regulators, utilities, technology providers, investors, and the research community. We must work together to overcome challenges in regulatory harmonisation, infrastructure financing, and technical interoperability.
8. This is precisely why AEBF 2025 plays such a vital role, it serves as a dedicated platform to foster these critical dialogues and partnerships. It is not just a conference it is a marketplace of ideas, a platform for partnership, and a catalyst for innovation. We aim to feature policy dialogues, high-level roundtables, business-to-business networking, and a dedicated exhibition showcasing the

latest technologies and investment opportunities in clean energy, grid modernisation, energy efficiency, green hydrogen, and carbon markets.

9. I therefore take this opportunity to warmly **invite all stakeholders to participate in AEBF 2025** whether as speakers, exhibitors, strategic partners, or sponsors. Your presence will not only enhance the richness of the discourse but will also signal your commitment to advancing a low-carbon, inclusive energy future for ASEAN.
10. Malaysia is committed to ensuring that AEBF 2025 will be inclusive, forward-looking, and action-oriented. We envision a forum that does not just discuss ideas but sparks new collaborations, accelerates investment flows, and supports real outcomes aligned with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.
11. As we embark on this journey together, let us reaffirm our shared purpose: to power ASEAN's future through partnership, to bridge our boundaries through innovation, and to build shared prosperity through sustainability.
12. On that note, I look forward to welcoming you all once again at the ASEAN Energy Business Forum 2025 this October. Let us make it a landmark event for Malaysia and ASEAN's energy journey.

Thank you.

Terima kasih.