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FOR

EXHIBITOR'S RECEPTION
INTERNATIONAL GREENTECH & ECO PRODUCTS EXHIBITION
AND CONFERENCE MALAYSIA 2026 (IGEM)

7 OCTOBER 2026 (WEDNESDAY)
KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE

Good afternoon and Salam Malaysia Madani

1. **YB Tuan Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh**
   Deputy Minister
   Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability

2. **YBhg. Datuk Wira Anis Rizana Mohd Zainudin**
   Secretary General
   Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability

3. **YBhg. Datuk Nor Yahati binti Awang**
   Deputy Secretary General (Environmental Sustainability)
   Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability

4. **YBrs. Encik Saiful Adib bin Abdul Munaff**
   Group Chief Executive Officer
   Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC)

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

1. A very warm welcome to you all. It is an honour to stand before so many leaders, innovators, and champions of our green future at this 17th International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (IGEM 2026).

2. This afternoon is dedicated to building relationships and expressing our heartfelt appreciation for your invaluable support. Before the doors open to the wider public and the busy schedule of the conference begins, we wanted to gather with the people who truly make IGEM possible, our partners, sponsors, and exhibitors.

3. Over the past 17 years, IGEM has evolved from an ambitious local initiative into a major regional hub for sustainability. That growth did not happen in a vacuum. It was built block by block through your trust, your investment, and your shared vision.

4. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to every organization supporting us this year:
    - **Strategic Partner:** Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA)
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5. To all our exhibitors and international guests, thank you for joining us here in Kuala Lumpur. Your presence is a reminder that real progress happens when we bring our best ideas, technologies, and determination under one roof to build a resilient future together. You are the core engine of IGEM.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. Our theme for this year, **"Race Towards Net Zero: Action Beyond Boundaries,"** reflects a real and pressing reality. Climate change does not respect borders, and neither can our solutions. Pledges and targets have set our direction, but action is what will get us there.

7. Whether your focus is clean energy, smart transport, or circular waste systems, the diversity of technology showcased reflects what a sustainable future actually looks like. I urge you to use these next few days to turn initial conversations into real market opportunities because matching ideas with capital and markets is how we transform ambitious commitments into tangible outcomes for Malaysia and the region.

8. Beyond the trade deals and technology displays, IGEM represents a collective promise. It proves that when government, industry, and innovators sit at the same table, ambitious targets become actual results - ideas secure capital, innovations discover

markets, and brief introductions turn into lasting, impactful partnerships. Your presence here reinforces Malaysia's role as a driving force for sustainable growth in our region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. Your dedication to drive the green transition is clear the moment you step onto the exhibition floor. Every detail reflects countless hours of preparation and a genuine passion for innovation. So, before we begin networking, I want to recognise that incredible creativity by congratulating the winners of the IGEM 2026 Best Booth Awards. Selecting the best displays was certainly no easy task for our judges, but your hard work truly shines. Congratulations to you all !

10. I am also taking this moment to convey my deepest appreciation to my teams at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability and the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation. Your hard work behind the scenes has set the stage for a world-class gathering.

11. As we enjoy this afternoon together, I encourage you to build new relationships, share insights, and explore fresh opportunities. Let us approach the coming days not just as individual organisations, but as allies working toward a common purpose.

Thank you, enjoy the reception, and I wish you all a highly successful IGEM 2026.