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Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Salam 1Malaysia and a very good morning.

YBhg. Datuk Dr. Pang Chau Leong,

Director General, Department of Skills Development Malaysia

Representatives from training institutes and government agencies and association,

YBhg. Dato'-Dato',

Distinguished guests and participants,

Ladies & Gentlemen.

1. First of all, on behalf of the Management of the Malaysian Timber Industry (MTIB) would like to express our gratitude to Datuk Dr. Pang Chau Leong, Director General, from the Department of Skills Development Malaysia for coming to the ceremony this morning. I also wish to express my appreciation to all who presence today for the Malaysian Skills Certification and World Skills Standard Seminar In The Wood Based Industry. It is an honour to have you all today, as an aspiration towards the development of human capital in the wood-based industry.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

2. The timber industry is an important resource-based industry in Malaysia, and it is a significant contributor in the growth of the socio-economic in Malaysia. There are more than 4,000 factories in the wood-based industry and the export of wood products in 2013 is approximately RM 19:53 billion. However, the industry is facing challenges to continue growing. Among the challenges is the lack of skilled labour and reliance on foreign labour. In addition, the production in this industry is quite low compared with other countries such as Taiwan, Italy, Japan and Germany. The industry also facing strong competitors that have low production costs, such as China and Vietnam. Therefore, to overcome these challenges we must improve the skills and knowledge in human resources development.

3. MTIB is an agency under The Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities Malaysia (MPIC). As embodied in Act 105 – Akta Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia (Perbadanan) 1973, MTIB role is to develop the timber-based industry in Malaysia. MTIB also play a big role as the responsible agency in ensuring the success of the action plan under in the National Timber Policies (NATIP).

4. Development of human capital or human resource is one of the strategic trust in NATIP. It is important aspect to focus on to ensure that the timber industry can continue to improve the productivity, efficiency, qualities and manufacturing value added products. Focus on improving the knowledge, skills, technology, R & D and enhancing innovation are among the strategies that enabled Malaysia to continue competing internationally. Therefore the development in product qualities, human resources and technology must be enhanced in order to compete in the increasingly more dynamic global economy.

Distinguished Guests,

5. MTIB was appointed as the Industry Lead Body in the wood-based industry in 2012. ILB is a leading organization that was appointed by Development of Skills Development (JPK), under the Ministry of Human Resources (KSM). It is an honour to MTIB to be appointed as the industry lead body in the wood-base industry as we will continue to develop of skilled human resource in the timber-based sector. In addition, the ILB is one of the mechanisms that will support the development of human capital, as identified in the NATIP. ILB aims to increase the use of the Direktori Pakar Industri Negara (DPIN) as a reference. In this context, the involvement from the industry is very important. Incentives are also offered to increase the participation from the industry, particularly in the development of the National Occupational Skills Standard (NOSS), recognition of prior learning program and so on.

6. In line with the development of skills and human resources in the wood-based industry, Wood Industry Skills Development Centre (WISDEC) was established in 1995. WISDEC has carry out its role in providing industry-oriented skills training to the wood-based industry, while helping to offer skilled and knowledgeable training for the workforce. WISDEC also take the lead in supporting technology transfer and technical advice on furniture production technologies and value-added wood products. These efforts aimed to develop the timber industry through human capital skills development.

7. Furthermore, MTIB through WISDEC have been recognized by the Department of Skill Development (DSD) as one of the accredited centers under Pentauliahahan Kemahiran Malaysia and has been recognized as a qualified training center by City and Guilds (C & G) Institute of London in carpentry. In addition, MTIB and the Ministry of Education through the Technical and Vocational Education Division (BPTV) are collaborating in implementing the Vocational College in Furniture Processing Technology . The aims are to create competitive and competent a skilled workforce recognized by the industry. This will change the employment's landscape by increasing the number of skilled labour at the national level from 28% to 50% by 2020.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

8. With regard to participation in the skills competition, MTIB has been involved in skills competition since 2004. WISDEC has been selected as the co-organizer in cabinet making. MTIB then appointed as a Centre of Excellence by the Department of Skills Development and the Ministry of Works Malaysia to train participants to Asian Skills Competition and the World Skills Competition in Cabinet Making and Joinery. Currently, the national participants are undergoing training in preparation for the Asian Skills Competition in Hanoi, Vietnam in October.

9. It is an honour for today, to have Mr Mark Bramer from Canada, former Chief of Cabinet Making Expert for World Skills International to share his experiences and knowledge through his participation in the World Skills Competition. I hope with the assist from Mr Mark Bramer for 2 weeks in Malaysia will give a greater awareness of world skill standard in the wood-based industry. With experience more than 25 years in skills training and wood-based industry in Canada, I hope he will be able to help Malaysia to achieve medals in the 2015 World Skills Competition in Sao Paolo Brazil.

Ladies and gentlemen.

10. Before I end this speech, I would like to take the opportunity to thanks once again to all the representatives and participants present today. On that note, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to officiate the Seminar On Malaysian Skills Certification And World Skills Standard In The Wood Based Industry.

Thank you.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

