



Document:	Welcome Address for Tan Sri Amirsham A Aziz Chairman, Bursa Malaysia Berhad
Event:	5 th Bursa Excellence Awards 2017 Gala Night
Date:	29 March 2018
Time:	7.00pm to 10.00 pm
Venue:	Sabah Room, Shangri-la Hotel Kuala Lumpur

Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani
Finance Minister II

Yang Bahagia Dato' Azman Dato' Abdul Manaf
Chairman of the Association of Stockbroking Companies Malaysia

Yang Bahagia Datuk Maimoonah Mohamed
Hussain
Principal Representative of the Malaysian
Investment Banking Association

Cik Azila Abdul Aziz
President of Malaysia Futures Brokers
Association

Datuk Seri Tajuddin Atan
Chief Executive Officer, Bursa Malaysia

Distinguished Guests,
Members of the media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. A very good evening and welcome to Bursa Excellence Awards 2017 Gala Night.
2. Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Johari, we appreciate your continued support in officiating and attending our events, this being the 8th since 2016.

3. As such, let me once again thank you for spending your evening with us, to recognize the stellar achievements of outstanding organisations, and celebrate the people who drive their successes.
4. Bursa Excellence Awards, honours achievements in areas of the equities, derivatives and Islamic capital market.
5. Winners of this award represent players in the market who consistently demonstrate a drive for excellence. They are a symbol of success that will hopefully lead the way for greater achievement in the broking community.

Ladies and gentlemen,

6. Tonight, we will be granting awards for 19 categories.

7. The awards have been expanded, to holistically recognize the contributions and achievements of various players.
8. This year, we are giving out a special award recognizing the Best Innovative Participating Organisation. This award recognises that innovation has never been more important in the growth and vibrancy of the marketplace.
9. We also continue to broaden the assessment criteria to recognize achievements from a more sustainable perspective.
10. While trading value remains a key component, similar to last year, we have included both the regulatory and compliance aspects in the assessment criteria.
11. The number of CDS account openings for the year of assessment is also taken into consideration.

12. This year, the Exchange will be looking at:

- Year-on-year growth of transacted value; and
- The number of Shariah trading accounts opened.

13. We believe the assessment criteria has been improved to encourage a fair and orderly market and promote business vibrancy, which better reflects the robust industry today.

Ladies and gentlemen,

14. 2017 was one of the strongest performance for the local equity market. Year-on-year -

- The FBM KLCI grew by 9.4%, closing the year at a 52-week high of 1796.81 points

- ADV grew by 28% to RM2.3 billion
- Retail participation grew by 42%
- Market capitalization grew by 14.4% to RM1.9 trillion
- 13 new listings, raising a total of RM7.4 billion compared to only RM0.6 billion in 2016.

15. For the capital markets, specific and holistic initiatives were designed and introduced with one goal in mind, to help grow our market.

16. We continue to collaborate well with our broker partners to grow the retail segment. Last year, we reached out to over 35,000 retail investors across Malaysia. We will continue to intensify our efforts in investor education and outreach and will be conducting over 172 investor seminars and workshops this year.

17. I am happy to announce that on the back of a very successful event last year, the Shariah Investing Fair will be returning as a major event for Bursa Malaysia, alongside Invest Malaysia and POC held earlier in the year.

Ladies and gentlemen,

18. Last year, the Exchange began disseminating Quarterly Broker Factsheets. These factsheets, were introduced, to make you more competitive, by providing a transparent indicator to benchmark and improve on, and grow the industry as a whole.

19. As such, let's carry the momentum, and move forward together and continue creating value propositions, innovate and build for the future.

20. While these awards are about recognizing excellence, they are also about celebrating being part of a family. We are a group of people who support each other and ultimately want to see success and growth of our capital markets.
21. I hope the success stories of tonight's winners will motivate others to strive for greater heights in excellence.
22. On behalf of Bursa Malaysia, I would like to extend my congratulations to our winners tonight. I wish you all a pleasant evening and success for the year ahead.
23. On that note, it is with great honour that I now invite Yang Berhormat, Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, to deliver his address.

Yang Berhormat ...