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Tuan-Tuan dan Puan-Puan,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

1. Salam sejahtera dan selamat datang ke **Seminar IPO “Stairway to Listing”** pada hari ini. Terlebih dahulu, saya ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi terima kasih kepada Y.B. Menteri, SME Corporation Malaysia, MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Berhad (MIDF Investment) dan juga Unit Peneraju Agenda Bumiputra (TERAJU) atas kerjasama dan komitmen mereka untuk sama-sama menganjurkan serta menjayakan seminar IPO dengan Bursa Malaysia untuk tahun 2016.
2. Tuan-Tuan dan Puan-Puan, izinkan saya meneruskan ucapan saya dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Ladies and Gentlemen

3. Bursa Malaysia has a very specific role - as a **catalyst for growth in Malaysia's economy.** Through our listing platform, our responsibility to help build for the future is **intertwined with the nurturing and developmental role** that has been tasked to the likes of **SME Corp, MIDF and TERAJU.**
4. Today's event is the result of a shared commitment among the organisers to **enhance knowledge in the running and growing of your business.** All the organisations represented here today will have a role to play at some point in your journey from a start-up, to ultimately becoming a listed entity.

5. As an Exchange, we are eager to see a marketplace filled with bright prospects and constant growth and development. Further to this, **a more structured SME ecosystem enables SMEs to better capitalise on opportunities**, such as a listing, which can help to fully unlock the value of your business and help your company to expand into new markets.

Ladies and Gentlemen

6. The development of SMEs is a **key agenda** for countries across the globe including Malaysia. We need a **concerted effort and firm commitment** from all parties to make Malaysia a high income nation. In this regard, entrepreneurs like yourselves here today need to **continuously innovate your products or services** and to make

your business scalable in order to bring your company to greater heights.

7. On our part, Bursa Malaysia has **remained vigilant to the needs of the market at large** in anticipation of developments and trends. We have been exploring new ways to provide up and coming companies across all industries with **greater access to financing and to enhance capacity building** in our capital market.
8. The Exchange believes that it has a pivotal role to play in supporting the development of SMEs, like those of you here today, **to help you to benefit from access to cheaper financing and also shorter time-to-market.**

9. To help companies in their listing journey, we are **continuously improving the efficiency of our processes and time to market whilst maintaining market quality**. In July 2015, certain aspects of the ACE Market Listing Framework were enhanced. Today, the moratorium requirements for eligible promoters has been liberalised and we have shortened the moratorium period applicable to promoters of listed corporations which are eligible for listing on the Main Market.

10. In ensuring a **smooth listing experience**, we also provide an early stage guidance through our consultative sessions. I strongly encourage all of you to take advantage of this service as this **enables you to engage with my team at the pre-listing stage, without cost**.

11. To be a **sustainable public listed company**, it is not about merely meeting the minimum listing requirements. Today, investors are savvy and can be demanding, hence, **you need to have a solid and sound business plan in addition to a great story board to keep their interests.**

12. In this regard, it is vital that you **continuously engage with your investors through your investor relations** to build shareholder loyalty. It does pay in the fair assessment of your company, in the long term. At Bursa Malaysia, we do not stop at providing assistance at your pre-IPO journey only. We **continuously update and prepare you on the latest developments through our advocacy programmes.** These programmes cover topics from corporate governance to sustainability and risk management.

Ladies and Gentlemen

13. By joining us here today you have taken a **significant step** towards understanding the **commitments and rigour required to step up and be more proactive and self-sufficient**. Do make use of the discussions here today to learn all you can and ask all the questions you have.

14. We are here to assist you to move to the next level. My team from Bursa Malaysia is on hand to answer any of the questions you may have with regards to listing.

15. In closing, I would like to express my **appreciation to our speakers and panellists** who will be taking time later on to share information, knowledge and their valuable experiences to further promote the efforts of the IPO listing.

Terima kasih, dan wassalam.
