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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,
members of the media

1. A very good morning and welcome to one of the world's most exciting marketplaces.
2. Your conversations today will undoubtedly be focused on discussing, debating and positing solutions that all in the room, from policy makers, Exchanges, businesses and individuals, can and will take to create a more robust, global platform for investors to make an impact with their investments.

3. So this morning I would like to turn the attention to the listed companies in the room and, with the permission from our overseas guests, I would like to remind our multinational drivers of Malaysian expertise around the world, about the robust and conducive business environment we have created here in Malaysia for our companies to prosper, and in turn help ensure the well-being of all Malaysians.
4. That is indeed our mission, to strengthen financial stability and ensure the well-being of all Malaysians by creating new wealth and generating sustainable economic growth.
5. So how have we been doing?
6. Despite the uncertainty and difficulty that persists in the Global economy, Malaysia remained on track thanks in part to the stability of our

institutions and the diversification of our economic structure.

7. We attained a strong growth of 6% for 2014. As IMF and World Bank had to revise downwards their global economic growth estimates for 2015 to 3.5 percent and 3.0 percent, respectively, Malaysia is expected to attain economic growth of 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent in 2015. In fact, OECD predicts for the next four years, Malaysia would experience annual growth rate of 5.6 percent.
8. This shows that our economic fundamentals are strong and we are on track to achieve the status of high income nation by 2020.
9. Bloomberg ranked Malaysia as the world's 5th most promising emerging market in 2015 and the only ASEAN country in the top 10. This give us great pleasure and supports the notion and our hard

work that we had strived for. This is significant when our population of 30 million industrious people now stand alongside China in Bloomberg top five ranking.

10. IMF and World Bank recent reports support our standing as Malaysia stand near the top in their rankings for competitiveness and ease of doing business. Asian Corporate Governance also ranked Malaysia alongside Asia' developed markets such as Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report place Malaysia

1st for financial market legal rights;

4th for financial market development; and

8th for ease of financing through the equity market.

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. Malaysia capital market has experienced robust growth and now it stands at a market capitalization of 2.7 trillion ringgit, almost three times the size of the Malaysian economy, with the equity market at 1.66 trillion ringgit and the bond market at 1.08 trillion ringgit.

12. Government-linked companies has been key contributors to the nation's economic growth and development over the past 10 years under the GLC transformation programme. During this period, total shareholder returns of the G20 or the group of GLCs which includes some of Malaysia largest corporation had grew at a rate of 12.6 percent per annum with market capitalization increased by 3.2 times to a value of 431 billion ringgit while accompanied by growth in net profit of 10.2 per cent per annum. G20 has invested 154 billion

ringgit into the Malaysian economy and had taken their enterprise to the global arena by drawing 34 per cent of their revenue from abroad and operating in at least 42 countries. These achievements by G20 had benefited all stakeholders while providing 108 billion ringgit in dividends and 64 billion ringgit in taxes since 2004.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. These achievements are attained with inclusiveness and sustainability which is also the key pillars of our vision for Malaysia' growth. Those two values are embedded in our Economic Transformation Programme and are the core of our 11th Malaysian Plan, which was tabled in Parliament recently. 11th Malaysian Plan intend to improve on this aspect by focusing and improving the welfare of low income household.

14. At the same time while we drive economic growth and development, we must take care of those in need and those with middle incomes who could still benefit from a helping hand. To serve this end, we had been launching affordable, high-quality housing and have opened 1Malaysia clinics and shops so that healthcare and basic necessities are assured.

15. Through targeted subsidy, we can strategically empower the less fortunate as a transitional measure and this is the reason for the introduction of direct cash transfers or BR1M. This measure has been utilized in many other countries and it ensures that aid goes to those who need it the most, rather than blanket subsidies. The recipient can use the aid in the form of cash to buy necessities, which not only benefits them, but also a local multiplier effect and contributes to our

economic growth.

16. As we continue on this prudent approach; one that benefits the ordinary people, we take pleasure in knowing that more and more of our citizens are enjoying the safety and security of being included in the financial system. Today, 92 percent of Malaysians have access to a bank account and World Bank ranked us among the top in the “Getting Credit” category for six years in a row.

Ladies and gentlemen,

17. I was extremely proud to see that 24 of you have been held to a global criteria evaluation by FTSE and came out with the requisite marks to be included on FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index. I have been apprised of the scrutiny and hurdles required to clear the appraisal. Being the 24 first

emerging market listed companies to clear the newest FTSE4Good screen is something to be proud of.

18. But 24 is not enough. I know there are more listed companies on Bursa Malaysia that are or should be crossing that hurdle of corporate sustainability and seeking a listing on the Index.

19. I strongly encourage you to keep the energy and motivation moving forward, because sustainability is not a trend it is our responsibility as a marketplace rich with talent, resources and passion to remain a model amongst emerging markets.

20. So now I may turn my attention back to our global partners here with us today. As you have heard, we are still in our developmental phase. And that is where you come in.

21. By sharing global best practices and creating consistency with a globally equivalent Environment, Social and Governance (“ESG”) framework will help drive our marketplaces forward.

22. I saw in the recent PwC Responsible Investment paper, that 71% of some of the world’s largest funds would choose to decline participation or turn down-co investment based on ESG grounds.

23. Adding to that, 74% said they want to quantify the impact of their investment efforts.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

24. I assure you we will continue to do our part to support the talent and natural resources we have been blessed with as a nation. We will continue

on our journey to ensure financial inclusion for all our citizens by generating sustainable economic growth.

25. And I ask as you spend the day with us at the first of the ASEAN Capital Market Sustainability Series Forum, that you share and expand the potential that a globally connected marketplace brings.

26. We are all global citizens that can make a substantive impact for good.

Thank you.