

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY**

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**AT**

**THE OPENING CEREMONY OF  
2014 IECEX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**AT**

**KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE**

**19 FEBRUARY 2014**

**8.30 AM**

**The Honourable Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Bin Mohamad Diah  
Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation**

**Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Mustafa Mansur  
Chairman, Malaysian Standards and Accreditation Council**

**Yang Berbahagia Datuk Ir. Ahmad Fauzi Hasan  
Chairman, Malaysian Electrotechnical National Committee**

**Mr. Chris Agius  
Executive Secretary, IECEX**

**Mr. Dennis Chew  
Director, IEC Asia Pacific Regional Centre**

**Distinguished guests, speakers and delegates**

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Assalamualaikum and a very good morning to everyone.

It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you in Kuala Lumpur, for this 2014 IECEX International Conference on 19 and 20 February. I understand there are more than 250 participants here today and it is heartening to note the interest and enthusiasm displayed by the huge presence of representatives from the local and international Ex industries. Thank you to all.

I would also like to thank the Honourable Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Bin Mohamad Diah, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, for taking time from his busy schedule, to officiate this conference. Your presence here Sir, indicates the commitment and support of the Ministry and your good self, in our activities on standards and conformance.

I am very pleased to inform that this is the first time the IECEX Conference is organised in the Asia Region, which the Department of Standards Malaysia is honoured and privileged to host. To our guests, speakers and delegates from overseas, I hope you had a safe and pleasant journey coming in to Kuala Lumpur.

My appreciation goes to the IEC & IECEX, as well as other sponsors, both local and foreign, for their kind and generous support. Not forgetting a special mention to the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation or MOSTI for their full support to realise this conference.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

This two-day conference is organised with the objectives to provide the latest updates on the Ex sector development of IECEx systems and providing a platform for both local and international participants and related organisations, to exchange knowledge and experience with international experts in this area, as well as to obtain first-hand information on the subject matter.

I believe this conference has bring together experts from all over the world, involved in international standardisation, equipment manufacturing, inspection, repair and overhaul of Ex equipment and systems, and the assessment and certification of personnel competence. At the same time, issues concerning requirements and regulations in the Asia Pacific region will also be covered.

Through their presentations and direct contact with participants, I am hoping that these experts will be able to share their experience and detailed knowledge on all matters pertaining to the Ex field, such as plant design, principles and practical applications of area classification, installation and repair in compliance to IEC International Standards.

As for the exhibition being held concurrently, it will definitely provide an opportunity for the industries in the region to not only become better acquainted with IECEx, and find out how they can best benefit from the services the System provides, but also to get involved and

form precious contacts and networks within the Ex community of experts.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce you to Standards Malaysia, the organisation I am heading. We are a Government agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and we are the National Standards Body as well as the National Accreditation Body, responsible for the development and promotion of Malaysian Standards and also for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies, since 1996.

Under our structure, we have the Malaysian Electrotechnical National Committee or MyENC. MyENC is a committee under the authority of the Malaysian Standards and Accreditation Council, and acts on behalf of the Council for discharging the duties and functions of the Council in connection with standards matters in electrotechnical sector. Apart from its advisory role, MyENC also represent Malaysia's interest in all matters pertaining to the working of the IEC and its various committees; promote and encourage the participation in the IEC activities by the local stakeholders in electrotechnical industry; and promote and facilitate domestic and international trade through services provided by the IEC.

MyENC, through the Department of Standards Malaysia has been a member of IEC since 1991. To date, we have been active as

Participating or 'P' member in 24 and Observing or 'O' member in 82 Technical Committees and Sub-committees.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Malaysia's membership in the IECEx Scheme since August 2008 has opened a new chapter on standardisation activities in particular, as well as the development of relevant standards and certification activities to ensure that the equipment installed, repaired and workers involved in Environmentally Ex, meet the criteria prescribed to reduce the risk of explosion.

In addition, Malaysia through SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd., has been accepted as an Ex Certification Body (ExCB) Facilities Service Scheme, verifying the installation, repair and inspection of Ex equipment to comply with the procedures prescribed under the Certificate of Personnel Competency (COPC) Scheme. This is a remarkable achievement for Malaysia, as SIRIM QAS is the sole ExCB under the Facilities Service & COPC Scheme in the ASEAN Region. Moving forward, it will be a pleasure to see more certification bodies in Malaysia, play an active role in the IECEx system, in line with Malaysia's mission to be the *Center of Excellence*.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Finally, I would to thank all of you again for your participation and invaluable contributions in this conference. I wish all delegates a very productive and successful conference and hope its objectives will be achieved. Thank you also to the organisation committee and staff of Standards Malaysia for all their preparatory work.

Thank you.