

WELCOMING REMARKS BY

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AT

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37th PACIFIC AREA STANDARDS CONGRESS (PASC)

MEETING

AT

THE GARDENS HOTEL & RESIDENCES-ST GILES LUXURY

HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR

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9.35 AM

The Honourable Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin

Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Mustafa Mansur

Chairman, Malaysian Standards and Accreditation Council

Mr. Adrian O'Connell

Chairman, Pacific Area Standards Congress Executive Committee

Mr. Rob Steele

Secretary General , International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Dr. Junji Nomura

President, International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

Distinguished guests, speakers and delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum and good morning to everyone.

In 1993, Malaysia hosted the 16th Meeting of the Pacific Area Standards Congress or PASC. Now, 21 years later, we are proud to play host for the second time, this time it is the 37th PASC Meeting. It has been a long time and words cannot express my feelings to be standing here today to see all of you in Kuala Lumpur. Welcome to Malaysia!

On behalf of the Department of Standards Malaysia, I would like to thank all of you, our friends from the standards and conformance fraternity, for attending this meeting. Thank you also to our local participants from the universities for coming.

A special thank you to the Honourable Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, for taking time from his busy schedule, to officiate this 37th PASC Meeting, today. Your presence Sir, indicates the commitment and support of the Malaysian Government, your Ministry and your good self, in our activities on standards and conformance.

My appreciation goes to the Organising Committee, the PASC Secretariat and staff of Standards Malaysia for working very hard in preparing and realising this Meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce you to Standards Malaysia. We are a Government agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and we are the National Standards Body responsible for the development of Malaysian Standards and the promotion on the use of standards. As the National Accreditation Body, we are responsible to provide credible services of accreditation to the conformity assessment bodies.

In carrying our duties, we are supported by the Malaysia Standards and Accreditation Council, which provide guidance on the governance and implementation of standardisation and accreditation activities. Under the purview of the Council, we have the Malaysian National Standards Committees (MyNSC) and Malaysian Electrotechnical National Committee or MyENC which act on behalf of the Council for discharging the duties and functions of the Council with respect to matters on standards in various sectors.

Apart from its advisory role, MyNSC and MyENC also represent Malaysia's interest in all matters pertaining to ISO and IEC and its various committees; promote and encourage participation in the ISO/IEC activities by the local stakeholders in the various industry. Malaysia been a member of ISO since 1969 and IEC since 1991.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Workshop on Standards and Education that will be held today, is geared to introduce standardisation in the Institute of Higher Learnings (IHLs).. The workshop will share experiences by other economies which are advanced in these initiatives to initiate discussions and deliberations that could be turned into framework and action plans that we could be working on collectively . It is anticipated that PASC 37 will mark significant achievements that results in feasible plans and sustainable efforts to support education in standardisation within PASC economies.

I am also pleased to acknowledge that the PASC 37 Meeting will be discussing on strategic priorities and goals that will mark significant pathways in moving forward for PASC. Deliberations on ISO Strategic Plan for 2016-2020 will also provide substantial inputs into gearing PASC

economies to achieve shared goals and objectives. Together, we can inspire each other to be taking steps that set new dimensions for standards and conformance.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finally, I would like to thank all of you again for your participation and invaluable contributions in this workshop and meetings. I wish all delegates a very productive and successful meeting and hope its objectives will be achieved.

Thank you.