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Assalamualaikum and Good Morning to everyone.

I am very pleased to be invited today to officiate the opening of the SMITA-Control Union Certification Webinar – Benefit of Having ISO 9001 and Food Safety Management Systems. I would like to congratulate the SME International Trade Association (SMITA) with the support of the Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., one of our accredited certification bodies, for collaborating in organising this webinar.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Standards Malaysia is the National Standards Body and the National Accreditation Body of Malaysia that provide confidence to various stakeholders, through credible standardisation and accreditation services for global competitiveness. Our aspiration is to create a culture of quality amongst Malaysians, to make standards an accepted component of businesses locally and to achieve global recognition for our products and services; thus, improving the overall quality of life.

As a custodian and authoritative body, we continually engage with our stakeholders to develop Malaysian Standards, which will protect the interest of consumers by providing an assurance of health and safety. For more than 25 years, we have successfully developed more than 6,000 MS and provided credible accreditation services to positively contribute to the economic, societal, environmental and national well-being.

Standards Malaysia is also a signatory to the regional and international Mutual Recognition Arrangements and Multi-Lateral Recognition Agreements and are subject to rigorous evaluation processes. This further

enhances Malaysia's competitive edge by facilitating trade through international recognition of our products and services through MS and Accreditation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

SMITA has been one of our strategic partners since 2015 with the aim of increasing the use of MS among SMEs and stimulating faster growth of SMEs into international markets. Standards Malaysia would like to express its appreciation to SMITA, for the cooperation and commitment that has been given over the years. Together with our partners, we will continue to perform our role for the benefit of the people, the industry and the nation as a whole. We hope that more such programmes will be held in the future to make the industry aware of the importance of producing products or providing services that comply with standards in improving the competitiveness, quality and marketability of their products and services.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all of you great success in your deliberations and hope that you will continuously contribute your expertise in the activities of standards and conformity assessment.

On that note, it is my pleasure to declare open the SMITA-Control Union Certification Webinar.

Thank you.