



WELCOMING SPEECH

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DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE XXV FIG CONGRESS

AT KL CONVENTION CENTRE, KUALA LUMPUR

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ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAHI WABARAKTUH,

SALAM SEJAHTERA DAN SALAM IMALAYSIA

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB BIN TUN HAJI ABDUL RAZAK TO BE HERE TODAY.

WE ARE PROUD THAT YOU CAN MAKE TIME TO GRACE THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION DESPITE YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE AS PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA.

I, ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AUTHORIZED LAND SURVEYORS MALAYSIA, WISH TO THANK YOU FOR OFFICIATING THE OPENING OF THE SIX DAY LONG CONGRESS, THE TWENTY FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS.

THIS IS THE FIRST FIG CONGRESS TO BE HELD HERE IN MALAYSIA OR EVEN ASIA. I FEEL HONOURED TO BE THE HOST OF THIS CONGRESS.

YOUR PRESENCE DATO SRI, HAS GIVEN US – THE SURVEYORS IN THIS BELOVED COUNTRY OF OURS, MALAYSIA AS WELL AS SURVEYORS AND PROFESSIONALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES GATHERED IN THIS PLANERY HALL TODAY, A HEIGHTEN SENSE OF SIGNIFICANCE AND RELEVANCE IN A WORLD WHERE WE SOMETIMES FELT AS IF WE ARE THE FORGOTTEN LOT IN A NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA.

DATO SRI, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

THE ASSOCIATION OF AUTHORIZED LAND SURVEYORS MALAYSIA, OF WHICH I'M THE SERVING PRESIDENT, IS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION FORMED IN 1976, AND WHOSE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTED OF PRACTISING PROFESSIONALS.

TOGETHER WITH DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS AND MAPPING MALAYSIA OR (JUPEM), AND THE LAND SURVEYORS BOARD (LJT) WE WORK TOGETHER TO FOSTER, PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE STATUS, PRESTIGE AND INTEGRITY OF THE PROFESSION OF SURVEYING THROUGH THE PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF ETHICAL PRACTISES AND COMPLIANCE TO CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AMONGST THE MEMBERSHIP.

LIKE MANY OTHER PROFESSIONS, THE SURVEYING PROFESSION IS FACING MULTIPLE CHALLENGES, INCLUDING AN EVER ACCELERATING RATE OF CHANGE.

TOO OFTEN WE FIND OURSELVES HAVING TO FOCUS ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT INSTEAD OF PLANNING HOW WE CAN STRATEGICALLY RESPOND TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES.

THERE IS A CRITICAL NEED FOR SURVEYORS IN MALAYSIA AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A VIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS.

WE HAVE TO ENSURE OUR RELEVANCE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MAINTAINS AN INVALUABLE PRESENCE IN OUR CHOSEN FIELD AND WE NEED TO ADVANCE OUR INFLUENCE ON POLICY DECISIONS AND ADVOCACY ON MATTERS THAT IMPACT THE WELFARE OF SURVEYORS.

AGAINST THIS BACKDROP OF KEEN ANTICIPATION, THE THEME “ENGAGING THE CHALLENGES - ENHANCING THE RELEVANCE” WAS CHOSEN FOR THE XXV FIG CONGRESS .

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A TIME OF SYNERGY AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE EXPERTS AND OVER 2,250 MALAYSIAN AND INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES, THE YOUNG SURVEYORS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THIS CONGRESS.

DATO SRI, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

THE ORGANISATION OF THE XXV FIG CONGRESS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP, SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF MANY OTHERS. WITHOUT THESE, WE WOULD NOT ACHIVED THIS FAR.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CO-CONGRESS DIRECTOR WHO CHAIRS THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, JUPEM, LJT, THE MALAYSIAN CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION BUREAU - MyCEB, THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE, MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT AND MANY OTHERS.

Sekian, Wabillah hitaufik walhidayah, Wassalammulaikum warahmatullah hiwabarakatuh.

THANK YOU.