

WELCOME REMARKS BY

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AT

**THE WELCOME DINNER
OF THE
*INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION/
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 45 (ISO/TC/45) MEETING
ON RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS***

ON

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HOTEL ISTANA KUALA LUMPUR CITY CENTRE**

YANG BERHORMAT

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Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation

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Chairman, ISO / TC 45

Delegates and observers,

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum and a very good evening to everyone.

1. It is a great pleasure to welcome all of you to this dinner of the ISO/ TC 45 on Rubber and Rubber Products Meeting. This is the **third** time the ISO/TC 45 meeting is organised in Kuala Lumpur. We are indeed honoured and privileged to host this meeting here, as part of our continuous effort in participating and supporting activities on standards development.

2. I would also like to thank Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, for taking time from his busy schedule, to attend this dinner. Your presence here Datuk, indicates the commitment and support of the ministry and

your good self, in our efforts to promote a culture of quality amongst Malaysians, to make standards an accepted component of businesses locally and to achieve global recognition for the nation's products and services.

3. I believe all delegates are having fruitful and extensive deliberations in various topics of rubber and rubber products in this meeting. Since Malaysia is one of the 'P' members of TC 45, we strive to contribute significantly to the progress of this committee so that we can move forward on many issues through strengthening of collaboration and cooperation activities among members.

4. My appreciation goes to the international & local organising committee, as well as the sponsors, the Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council (MREPC) and Malaysian Rubber Glove Manufacturers Association (MARGMA) for their kind and generous support. Not forgetting a special mention to the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation for their full support to realise this meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. 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 or MOSTI 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.

6. Under our structure, we have the Malaysian Standards and Accreditation Council and the Malaysian National Standards Committee, comprising relevant stakeholders from the government agencies, industry or associations, academia, professional bodies and consumer association, providing input on the strategies, programmes and activities to promote industrial efficiency and development, and for consumer protection through standardisation, at both the national and international level.

7. This year marks our 20th anniversary. For the past 2 decades, Standards Malaysia has successfully achieved several milestones in standardisation and accreditation activities. We have developed more than 6,000 Malaysian Standards (MS) across 25 different sectors and also actively propagating the utilisation of standards through its Standard Compliance Programme. Standards Malaysia has also provided credible accreditation services to the industry where we have accredited more than 650 laboratories, 29 certification bodies and 11 inspection bodies.

8. Besides our 20th anniversary, we have celebrated the World Standards Day on 14 October 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to wish, belatedly, Happy World Standards Day 2016, to all of you. As we know, World Standards Day is celebrated internationally every year on 14 October. With the theme “Standards Build Trust”, World Standards Day pays tribute to the thousands of experts all over the world who develop voluntary standards for the advancement and welfare of societies. It also provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on the benefits that standards bring to our everyday lives, the market economy and to the smooth running of public affairs.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. Despite your tight schedule during these meetings, I do hope that all of you will have the opportunity to experience and enjoy the diversity of our true Malaysian culture, the beautiful places throughout the country and the warmth and hospitality of the local people. Malaysia is a multicultural nation with multi-ethnic group living in peace and harmony. May your stay here in Malaysia, especially in Kuala Lumpur, remain with you thereafter as a joyful, unforgettable memory.

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

Thank you.