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**VENUE : ALAM WARISAN BALLROOM 2,
BUNGA TANJUNG, LEVEL 2,
PULLMAN LAKESIDE PUTRAJAYA**

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Senior Directors and Division Directors of Department of
Statistics, Malaysia;

Members of the media; and

Distinguished guests.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Good morning, Salam Satu Malaysia and Salam Satu Statistik.

1. Alhamdulillah, praise to Allah S.W.T. for His grace we are here today for the **National Closing Workshop on System of Environmental - Economic Accounting (SEEA)**. It is indeed a pleasure to be with all of you this morning.
2. First and foremost, on behalf of the Government of Malaysia, we would like to express our profound gratitude and deepest appreciation to UNSD, for their support and commitment in the capacity building for SEEA implementation in Malaysia which has culminated with the SEEA National Closing Workshop.
3. The aims of this workshop are to showcase the Roadmap SEEA for Malaysia 2016-2020 and to present some of the results from the pilot SEEA water and energy accounts.

The need of SEEA

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. It is well understood that economic indicators such as **GDP is not designed to be completely comprehensive measures of prosperity and well-being**. There is a growing need to develop and combine statistics and indicators beyond GDP that are more inclusive of environmental and social aspects in order to cover the full realm of sustainable development.
5. The need for a more comprehensive macroeconomic indicator is consistent with the conception of sustainable development. Therefore, the integration of environmental statistics into economy, would improve countries' abilities to manage their economies and resources.
6. The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) is a new mechanism in preparing official statistics to measure the sustainability of national economic development. SEEA is recognised as an accurate tool to optimize the policymaking and monitoring process. It can facilitate more timely production of indicators in analysing the effectiveness of

relevant policies for natural resources in relation to land, water, forest, energy and marine resources.

7. Therefore, the implementation of SEEA in Malaysia is needed to strengthen our national statistical capacities in producing environment statistics. SEEA would be a valuable tool to monitor green growth as stated in the Eleventh Malaysia Plan in measuring achievement under Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

DOSM's role in compiling environmental statistics

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. The increasing expectations of the statistical community and complex demands from the users in monitoring the sustainable development requires DOSM to be proactive in providing reliable statistical products such as economic, social and environment statistics as well as integrating these information/statistics according to the current needs.
9. In this regards, DOSM has taken the initiative to compile SEEA Physical Supply and Use Table for Energy Account in

2014 using the SEEA Central Framework (CF) 2012. The report consists of the supply and demand of energy by economic sectors and household in Malaysia. The indicators derived from SEEA-Energy report can be used to monitor energy security & sustainability as stated in the **Eleventh Malaysia Plan** under **Focus area B**: Adopting the sustainable consumption and production concept and **Focus area E**: Encouraging sustainable energy use to support growth. Furthermore, MySEEA PSUT-Energy can be used in measuring achievement for **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) under **Goal 7**-Affordable and clean energy. The report of SEEA Energy Account, 2010 has been published for limited circulation in August 2017.

10. We are grateful that Malaysia has been selected by UNSD as one of the pilot country for SEEA project. The milestones from this project are Roadmap for SEEA Malaysia 2016-2020 and SEEA Pilot Water Account. The Roadmap for SEEA Malaysia 2016-2020 is a dynamic document and outlines the direction of SEEA development for the period 2017-2020. I believe that this Roadmap is able to provide clearer picture on the implementation strategy for the development SEEA Malaysia.

11. On the other hand, SEEA Physical Supply and Use Table for Water Account provide the information on supply and use of water such as an increase efficiency and productivity of water and sewerage services for sustainable development in Malaysia. The indicators derived from SEEA-Water can be used to monitor water security and management of water resources as emphasized in the 11th Malaysia Plan, under Chapter 7: Strengthening Infrastructure to Support Economic Expansion as well as the National Water Resources Study. In addition, SEEA-Water Accounts also can provide the inputs for the SDGs indicators particularly for Goal 3: Good Health and Well Being, Goal 6: Clean Water & Sanitation and Goal 14: Life below Water.

12. In order to make the SEEA Roadmap and development of SEEA Water Account a reality, the cooperation from all parties including governmental or non-governmental organisations is indispensable. It requires a great effort in coordinating and ability of bringing various stakeholders together. The establishment of SEEA Steering Committee and Technical Working Group consists of the stakeholders and relevant agencies are critical success in ensuring of the development of SEEA Malaysia. Therefore, I would like to

thank for the support and commitments provided by all parties involved, starting from the formation of these outputs until it is implemented and its continuation in the future.

13. With the success of the development of these two accounts, we hope that Malaysia will become a resource country for the development of SEEA in the Asia and the Pacific region. For your information, this year Malaysia has been invited to share our experience in the development of SEEA during the 2016 Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week in Bangkok, Thailand and Inter-regional Workshop on Strengthening Statistical Capacities for Building Macroeconomic & Sustainable Development Indicators in Santiago, Chile. It is in line with our vision to become a leading statistical organization in the world by 2020.
14. Moving forward, DOSM will develop SEEA Air Emission Account for Energy Use as stated in the proposed medium-term working plans of the Roadmap SEEA. At the same time, DOSM will produce the handbook of SEEA as outlined in the Department's Transformation Plan 2015-2020. The handbook will explain a step-by-step process on the compilation of

SEEA accounts in Malaysia. This process is significant to ensure the sustainability in producing SEEA.

15. Since SEEA is new, DOSM has taken several initiatives to plan the communication strategies to create SEEA awareness amongst stakeholders and users:
 - i. I believe that all of you already received our brochure on environmental statistics produced by DOSM;
 - ii. We have also introduced SEEA in several exhibitions that we have participated;
 - iii. We are also going to disseminate SEEA through the audio visualisation that is SEEA capsule; and
 - iv. We will also be participating in the 5th Malaysia Statistics Conference (MyStats 2017) to share our experience on the SEEA development in Malaysia.

16. MyStats 2017 are jointly organised by Bank Negara Malaysia (Central Bank of Malaysia), the Department of Statistics, Malaysia and Malaysia Institute of Statistics. This conference will be held on 28 until 29 November 2017 at Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia. MyStats 2017 provides a great opportunity for statisticians, researchers, policymakers and academia to be actively involved in discussing the

methodology, innovation and usage of statistics to support analysis and decision making.

17. On a similar note, DOSM with collaborate with Bank Negara Malaysia and Malaysia Institute of Statistics in organising the 62nd ISI World Statistics Congress at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on 18th – 23rd August 2019. This congress is expected to welcome the presence of 3000 delegates of statistical science experts worldwide to share intellectual novelty. Let's be part of this lifetime opportunity to meet eminent experts and escalate the dynamism of the statistical system.

Closing remarks

Ladies and gentlemen,

18. As a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to commend and extend my appreciation to UNSD once again for its relentless efforts and support especially on the capacity buildings and the technical assistance given by the appointed experts to make the SEEA pilot project in Malaysia a success. I also wish to record my appreciation to our project consultant, Dr. Mohd Yusof Saari and his teams for their commitment and

dedication upon the completion of this project. My sincere thanks and appreciation also goes to Ms. Hajjah Zarinah Mahari, former Director of Agriculture and Environment Statistics Division for her unduly commitment and dedication over the last few years for this project. Thanks to all ministries and agencies involved for the support and commitments given for this project. I hope all ministries and agencies will mainstream SEEA in your initiatives/project/activities in the future.

19. Last but not least, I would like to thank the organizer for their hard work and dedication in making this event today a success. For the delegation from Malaysia to Jakarta, I wish all of you a fruitful discussion and a successful workshop. Have a safe journey.
20. With "Bismillahirrahmanirrahim" I launch the National Closing Workshop on System of Environmental - Economic Accounting.

Thank you.

Wabillahitaufiq walhidayah

Wassalammualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.