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## **WELCOMING REMARKS BY INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHENA**

### **SAFETY MONTH 2023 LAUNCHING CEREMONY IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK**

**29 APRIL 2023 – 8:30am to 10:00am**

**MAIN AUDITORIUM, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING**

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**Yang Berhormat, Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (R) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi Bin Haji Mohd Yussof**, Honorable Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister Of Defence II, as the Minister-in-charge of SHENA,

**Yang Mulia, Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Sufian bin Haji Sabtu**, Deputy Minister (Security and Law) at the Prime Minister's Office as Chairman of SHENA Board of Directors,

**Yang Mulia, Dato Seri Paduka Awang Md Riza bin Dato Paduka Haji Md Yunos**, Deputy Minister (Public Service Governance) at the Prime Minister's Office

**Yang Mulia, Permanent Secretaries and Acting Permanent Secretary** at the Prime Minister's Office

**SHENA Board of Directors,**

**SHENA Senior Management Team,**

**Representatives of Government Ministries, Agencies and Industry,**



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**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh** and a very good morning to you all.

As we are still in the festive month of Syawal let me begin by wishing all the Muslims in this Auditorium and those who are with us on live broadcast of this event, Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

It is a pleasure to welcome all of you to the Launching Ceremony of Safety Month 2023 in conjunction with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work. This year, we celebrate the theme of “a safe and healthy working environment is a fundamental principle and right at work”.

As you may recall, last year's event focused on building a preventative safety and health culture. This year, we progressed with emphasizing the importance of a safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental right for all workers, regardless of their circumstances.

Accordingly, this year's World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an important milestone for workplace safety and health as it marks the mutual commitment made by all Member States of the International Labour Organization to recognize “a safe and healthy working environment” as more than just the act of prevention but a firm right of every worker at any level of an organisation.

In recognition of this commitment, SHENA has organised a series of nationwide activities over the next month to promote the global message that providing safe and healthy workplaces is an obligation by employers to everyone who work for them, so as to realise a reduction in serious accidents and eventually zero fatality in the country.



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## **Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am pleased to share with you that prior to this Launching Ceremony, SHENA has initiated a couple of commemorative events for the Safety Month. It started with the commencement of a short video contest on social media, inviting the public to share their creative interpretations of this year's theme on 18<sup>th</sup> April. In conjunction with the holy month of Ramadhan, we have distributed iftar meals to more than 150 workers at various construction sites in the Brunei Muara district, while reaching out and sharing health and safety messages to them.

Then there was the Open Day held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May that provided an informal setting for engagement with government and industry stakeholders. On the following Friday, in collaboration with the Masjid Affairs Department at the Ministry of Religious Affairs, a sermon was read during the Friday Prayers with an aim to increase public awareness on this year's theme and the importance of continuous improvement in workplace safety and health.

Our most outright initiative planned for the safety month is the SHENA's roadshow. It will be conducted in all four districts starting tomorrow in Temburong. The roadshow will showcase the collaborative efforts of the Authority with government partners and stakeholders in building a comprehensive approach to effectively implement workplace safety and health initiatives at the national level. Featuring exhibitions, lectures, panel discussions, and school outreaches, the district roadshows will serve as valuable platforms for exchanging insights and best practices between the regulators and workers to address gaps in HSE requirements stipulated in our legal framework and implemented in work practices. We hope to be able to deliver the message of this year's theme clearly to the public and industry stakeholders especially young students.

Today's Launching Ceremony is a small step towards acknowledging the work that needs to be done and the need for collaboration between all of us here today.



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**Ladies and gentlemen,**

**Before I end my speech,** on behalf of SHENA, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (R) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi Bin Haji Mohd Yussof as Minister-in-charge of SHENA, for accepting the grace to officiate the launching ceremony today.

**Not least,** I would also like to express my warm appreciation to all our guests for making time from your busy schedule to join us today. We trust that you and your organization will continue to lend SHENA your support, partnership and participation not only in the coming weeks but also beyond, as we work together towards creating workplaces that are safe and healthy for all.

**Lastly,** I would to thank the organizing committee and the team for making today's event a success and the hardwork and tremendous effort that they have put into making the safety month a memorable one.

Wabillaahi taufiq wal hidayah, Wassalaamu'alaikum warahmaatullaahi wabarakaatuh.