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**SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY'S SAFETY MONTH IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK 2022**

**OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK 2022
THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2022 / 26 RAMADHAN 1443**

Opening Speech by Guest of Honour

**Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mat Suny bin Haji Md Hussein
Minister of Energy as Minister-in-Charge for SHENA**

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Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Ar. (Architect) Haji Marzuke bin Haji Mohsin, Deputy Minister of Development as Chairman of SHENA Board of Directors,
Yang Mulia Members of SHENA Board of Directors,
Yang Mulia Interim CEO of SHENA,
Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera and a very good morning.

I am honored to welcome all of you to this event and I am delighted to see the participation from different government ministries and agencies, companies from various industry sectors, as well as professional and trade organisations, joining us in the auditorium this morning and also everyone joining virtually – thank you. Today is a special day as we are commemorating the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022, a day which is celebrated globally on 28th April every year. On this note, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Safety, Health and Environment National Authority (SHENA) for taking the lead to mark this occasion in Brunei Darussalam by organizing the Safety Month, comprising of a series of events which has started earlier this month, April, continuing to next month, and will be concluded in June. This demonstrates their continued efforts and commitment in promoting safety and health at work and driving compliance to the law and regulations to ensure Brunei Darussalam is a safe place to work and live.

The theme of the World Day for Safety and Health this year is “**Act Together to Build a Positive Safety and Health Culture**”. I cannot stress enough on the relevance and importance of this theme in the context of safety and health in all workplaces and industries



across Brunei Darussalam, where it is recognized that there are opportunities for further improvement in terms of performance. Over the last 9 years, a total of 68 work-related fatalities have been recorded in the country and the majority of those had occurred in the construction industry. Although statistically we are seeing a general down-trend, from 10-12 fatalities during the years 2013-2015, reducing to 4-5 fatalities in the last couple of years, this is still not acceptable, because every fatality is one too many, especially for a small population like Brunei. This is an enormous task to tackle and SHENA therefore seeks the support from all of you. Everyone has an important role to play to build a positive safety and health culture in the workplace, in order to prevent the next injury or fatality.

With the COVID-19 pandemic hitting the world for the past two-and-a-half years, new issues affecting safety and health have evolved. While the common issues of personal and process safety such as exposure to dangerous tools and machinery, toxic chemicals, noise, repetitive, monotonous work and operation of major plants and facilities remain a serious threat to the safety of workers; the impact of atypical work arrangements, irregular working time or shifts, working from home, and shortage of resources due to various restrictions are posing new challenges. Consequently, mental health and other stress-related issues have increasingly become a major concern. As a form of controls and measures, new rules, regulations, SOPs and guidelines have been developed and introduced to ensure people continue to work safely and avoid potential health risks due to the viral disease. Here, we have demonstrated that the collaboration between various authorities, government agencies, industry sectors, private and other organisations is vital in working together to provide the necessary instructions, education, training and awareness campaigns to curb the pandemic and creating a sustainable safety and health culture.

Our gathering today is an important step in developing a positive impact to further build and enhance the safety and health culture in Brunei Darussalam, in order to improve the overall safety and health performance nationally. Throughout the Safety Month, SHENA organizes radio and TV interviews, live webinars, safety videos, safety-related competitions, and not forgetting religious ceremony such as majlis doa selamat and kesyukuran. I am sure many of you here today, as leaders of your organisations, have put together a lot of efforts and commitments to build safe and healthy environments in your respective workplaces. Nevertheless, I am counting on all of you to take away meaningful actions out of this event, spread the messages, and further drive your own safety and health initiatives within your organisations.



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To conclude, once again I wish to emphasise the importance and the need of having a positive safety culture in a workplace. Even the best safety and health systems, procedures, tools and equipment will not guarantee a good or desired outcome – we need the people with the right attitude and culture to make it happen. So, let's put our act together, because in this way we can make a difference in ensuring Brunei Darussalam is a safe place to work and live.

Thank you.

[At this point we request YB Dato to remain on stage while the MC will announce the soft launching of SHENA Online Registration Portal (ORP) for YB Dato to officiate]

With the kalimah Bismillahirrahmaanirrahim, as part of the SHENA Safety Month, in conjunction with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022, I officially launch the Online Registration Portal for SHENA.

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