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**NATIONAL TRIPARTITE WORKSHOP ON THE RATIFICATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDAMENTAL ILO CONVENTIONS
NO.155 AND NO.187**

**MONDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2023 / 15 RABIULAWAL 1445H
9.10 – 9.15 am**

**Welcoming Remarks by
Yang Mulia Haji Junit bin Haji Zakaria
Acting Interim Chief Executive Officer, SHENA
[SHENA AICEO]**

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Yang Mulia, Awang Salminan bin Haji Burut,
Permanent Secretary (Safety and Welfare) at the Ministry of Home Affairs

Esteemed representatives from the International Labour Organization or ILO:

- Dr Yuka Ujita-san, Senior Specialist on Occupational Safety and Health
- Ms Yuki Otsuji- san, Specialist in Worker's Activities, and
- Mr. Lee Dong Eun, Senior Specialist in Employers' Activities,

SHENA's Senior Management Team,

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

*Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,
Salam Sejahtera and a Very Good Morning.*



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First and foremost, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the team of experts from the International Labour Organization. It is indeed a privilege to host this workshop on the fundamental ILO conventions with the gracious support of the ILO.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to all our participating guests in attendance today.

Your presence and active participation underscore your dedication to growth and collaboration in occupational safety and health.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Since the establishment of SHENA as well as enactment of the Workplace Safety and Health law and regulations, Brunei Darussalam continues to actively pursue advancements in its occupational safety and health framework.

I am pleased to share that we are focusing towards a new and exciting chapter today, that is, developing and foreseeably implementing a comprehensive National OSH policy. The aim of such policy is to set clear standards for workplace safety and health protection for all those at work, by creating safer and healthier working environments for employees across various industries. In tandem with this, we aim to also strengthen our tripartite arrangement by building a working collaboration between the Government, employers, and workers to effectively build OSH practices that are well-informed, practical, and inclusive.

Also in our line of sight are the fundamental ILO Conventions which are the C.155 and C.187. These important international instruments focus on occupational safety and health, as well as the promotion of occupational safety and health systems. I am assured that the ILO experts will provide richer insights into the scope of these Conventions.

Brunei Darussalam has been a member of the International Labor Organization since January 2007 and the ILO plays a crucial role in supporting Brunei Darussalam's efforts in this regard - through technical assistance, sharing of best practices, and facilitating



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knowledge exchange on how we can best consider approaching implementation. The ILO Expert Mission to Brunei Darussalam today is one example of an opportunity for ILO-supported capacity building for the Government, employers, and workers of Brunei Darussalam to better understand international OSH standards. We look forward to the ongoing success of this collaboration and we are confident that it will yield significant benefits.

Equally important is the active participation and essential input from Government agencies, employers, industry representatives, and OSH practitioners, to partake in discussions today on shaping, executing, and assessing OSH policies and practices. Your insights, practical solutions, and feedback are invaluable in ensuring the effectiveness and feasibility of our collective approach.

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Allow me to unite all these components into a single frame:

- Today's initial dialogues on a potential National OSH policy will establish our course and our direction,
- Building a tripartite approach will foster collaboration and inclusion of all crucial stakeholders, and
- The prospect of ratifying international conventions underscores Brunei Darussalam's commitment to global OSH standards.

Finally, with the support from the ILO including the enthusiastic engagement of stakeholders, Brunei is well-positioned to cultivate safer, more secure, and more productive workplaces for everyone.

Ladies and Gentlemen, to close my remarks as my capacity as Acting ICEO of SHENA, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your active participation today. This learning experience holds significant value, given the diverse range of backgrounds represented in the room. I eagerly anticipate the valuable contributions each of you brings to these discussions.



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I also want to seize this moment to extend my sincere thanks to our organising team. Their dedication, time, and unwavering support have been instrumental in turning this event from an idea into reality.

Here's to a productive workshop ahead and I look forward to a fruitful outcome!

Thank you, and *Wabillahi taufik wal hidayah
wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

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