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**NATIONAL TRIPARTITE WORKSHOP ON THE APPLICATION
OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO)
CONVENTIONS NO. 187**

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**Speech by
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Dr Yuka Ujita, Senior Specialist in Occupational Safety and Health,
International Labour Organization (ILO),

SHENA Senior Management Team,

Distinguished guests and participants

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Salam Sejahtera and a Very Good Morning...



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First and foremost, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the National Tripartite Workshop on the Application of International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention No. 187. This workshop marks a significant progress in our collective commitment towards promoting a safe, healthy, and sustainable working environment in Brunei Darussalam.

I am honored to note the attendance of a wide and diverse range of participants, ranging from relevant Government agencies to key industry stakeholders. Your attendance this morning is key towards making a positive contribution in collectively deliberating on occupational safety and health.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

ILO Convention No. 187 on Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health is a pivotal international treaty that sets standards for occupational safety and health. Its principles and provisions provide a framework for safeguarding the well-being of workers and ensuring that workplaces are safe and healthy.

Brunei Darussalam's ratification in June earlier this year by the Honorable Minister of Home Affairs was a milestone and is crucial for several reasons:



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SHENA, as the national authority for safety, health and radiation matters, continuously aims for improved health outcomes for workers and our community overall. Our mandate and the standards outlined in Convention 187 are aligned towards this goal by establishing national tools to significantly reduce occupational accidents, injuries, and diseases.

The ratification of ILO Convention 187 aligns seamlessly with our Wawasan 2035. By prioritising occupational safety and health, ratification directly supports the key pillars of Wawasan 2035. Firstly, the goal of a high-quality of life for all citizens by ensuring safe and healthy working environments.

Secondly, the fostering of a sustainable and resilient economy by promoting productivity and reducing the economic burden of workplace accidents and illnesses. And lastly, ratification supports the development of a just and equitable society by protecting the rights and well-being of workers.

As we build safe and healthy workplaces together, we contribute to increased productivity and efficiency, we are enhancing the reputation of Brunei Darussalam for growth and development as well as demonstrating a social commitment to protection of the basic well-being of workers as a priority.



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In making reference to the ILO, I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Dr Yuka Ujita, Senior Specialist in Occupational Safety and Health, for her return to Brunei Darussalam.

Her continued presence and contributions are greatly appreciated and we look forward to her continued involvement in our endeavors.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In realising the proper implementation of ILO Convention 187, relevant Government Agencies, regulatory bodies and industry will need to come together to conceptualize comprehensive OSH strategies, consider investment in training and capacity-building, and promote collaboration between the tripartite partners of Government, employers, and workers.

There will likely be challenges associated in living up to standards of the Convention; such as limited resources, a lack of awareness and understanding of Convention requirements, effective enforcement of OSH laws and regulations especially in under-regulated sectors such as informal work and MSMEs, and an unsuitable cultural attitude to prioritize financial progress over work safety.



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However, by working and resolving stumbling-block together, we can ensure that the principles of ILO Convention 187 are effectively implemented, leading to safer, healthier, and more productive workplaces.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This workshop aims to offer a valuable opportunity for stakeholders from various sectors to come together and take stock of our current state in terms of OSH as well as to discuss the application of ILO Convention No. 187 in the Brunei Darussalam context. By sharing knowledge, experiences, and best practices, we strengthen our national collective efforts to improve occupational safety and health outcomes.

I am confident that the invaluable discussions and way forward made today will contribute to the development of a more robust and effective national occupational safety and health framework.

I wish you all a fruitful and productive session.

Thank you...

Wabillahi taufik wal hidayah

wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

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