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

**08 JUNE 2023  
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KEMENTERIAN HAL EHWAL DALAM NEGERI  
JALAN MUHIBBAH, NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

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Yang Mulia, Tuan Haji Junit bin Haji Zakaria, Director of Strategic Planning Division and Chairman of the Steering Committee for Safety Month 2023 in conjunction with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work,

Yang Mulia, Members of the Senior Management Team of SHENA,

Esteemed panellists, booth participants and representatives from Government agencies and industry partners,

Leads and Members of the SHENA Organising Committee for Safety Month 2023,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and a Very Good Afternoon.



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We have come to the end of celebrating SHENA's Safety Month 2023 where we celebrated through a nationwide outreach by conducting roadshows, panel discussions, presentations from SHENA and invited speakers, interactive activities and display of showcases in all of the four districts of Brunei Darussalam.

Whilst facing the challenges of returning to the new normal amidst the subsiding COVID-19 pandemic, I am very proud to say the SHENA's Steering Committee for the Safety Month 2023 did a tremendous job, with overwhelming positive feedback all around. Of course, we could not have done this alone. We also owe the success to the continuous support of SHENA's key stakeholders, namely the Government agencies and industry partners.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

I am very pleased to be presented with the opportunity to officially close the ceremony this afternoon, to properly applaud and appreciate the contributions of everyone involved over the course of the past month. To begin with, I wish to commend the incredible work of all the members of SHENA's own Steering Committee, who have relentlessly shown their dedication and continued to stay motivated, not just in running the roadshows over the last month, but also throughout the series of activities and preparations for the event in the preceding weeks and months. Without your commitment and teamwork, this achievement would not have been possible.

Next, I would like to praise the substantial efforts lent by our range of esteemed panellists and booth showcase presenters from both the public and private sectors, who have demonstrated active participation and sharing of knowledge and experience to help elevate the performance and compliance to workplace safety and health in the country.



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This has also helped SHENA to emphasise the importance of transparent and open dialogue with all our stakeholders in industry, Government, and the general public.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to express my highest appreciation to the District Officers and their relevant officers in all four districts, who have extended fantastic support in the preparations, provision of facilities and logistics for the execution of the events.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

Recalling the launching ceremony of our Safety Month held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, which was graciously officiated by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Defence II, as Minister in Charge of SHENA, we recognized the **Resolution** adopted by the **International Labour Organization** in 2022 that all ILO Member States, including Brunei Darussalam, have an obligation to respect, promote and realize the fundamental right that all workers have to a safe and healthy working environment. Needless to say, the theme for the World Day of Safety and Health at Work this year, i.e. **safe and healthy workplaces as a fundamental principle and right at work**, resonates strongly, not only with SHENA as the national regulatory authority but also with all organizations where safety and health at work apply. In his speech, Yang Berhormat Pehin highlighted the need to reflect on the Nation's performance and address challenges to reduce incidents surrounding workplace injuries and fatalities. He stated that improving workplace safety and health in Brunei Darussalam is a mandate under Goal 2 of Wawasan Brunei 2035. He called on policymakers, employers and workers to collaborate to establish effective safe systems at the workplace and cultivate a preventive culture.



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Throughout the activities that have been organized by SHENA over the past few weeks, we have been striving to underscore to all attendees and the general public that the safety and health culture of an organisation is not merely having documentation and policies, but more importantly the application of these in demonstrating commitment, values, attitudes, behaviours and competency of the people working there. Organizations in all spheres of work, public and private sectors, must continue to reflect on the effectiveness of their organisation's safety management system and their commitment to safety and health as a priority.

Ladies and gentlemen.....

SHENA has enjoyed this month-long journey of learning and collaboration with you, and I am sure that there will be further opportunities in the future where we can work together again on even bigger initiatives and events, to raise the safety and health performance nationally to greater heights.

On behalf of SHENA, I wish to close my speech by once again extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you here with us this afternoon, who have contributed to the success of SHENA's Safety Month activities, organized in conjunction with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work. We look forward to the future cooperative endeavours in which SHENA may be able to leverage on concerted partnership and the strong foundation that we have achieved together throughout this Safety Month, as we collectively strive towards making Brunei Darussalam a truly safe place to work and live.

With that.....

Wabillaahi taufiq wal hidayah, Wassalaamu'alaikum warahmaatullaahi wabarakaatuh.