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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**

CLOSING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, 18 JUN 2022 / 18 ZULKAEDAH 1443

**Closing Speech by Guest of Honour
Yang Mulia Awang Haji Azhar bin Haji Yahya
Interim CEO for SHENA**

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Yang Mulia Pengiran Haji Jamra Weira bin Pengiran Haji Petra,
Deputy Permanent Secretary, Department of Energy at the Prime
Minister's Office

Distinguished guests, SHENA Head of Departments and staff,
Ministries and Industries representatives,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam
Sejahtera and good afternoon.



1. Alhamdulillah, we have come to the end of **SHENA's Safety Month** in conjunction with the **World Day for Safety and Health at Work** for this year. Throughout the Safety Month which commenced over a month ago on 16th April, SHENA has organized a series of events which include radio and television interviews, presentations via live webinar, sharing of safety videos, competitions to raise awareness, as well as thanksgiving prayer event, as initiatives to promote and build **a positive safety and health culture at work**, corresponding to SHENA's **vision of ensuring Brunei Darussalam remains a safe place to work and live**.
2. As an addition to the month-long event, the messages of the safety week will be emphasized in a *Khutbah Jumaat*, or the Friday Sermon, insha-Allah, planned for 8th July 2022. The Sermon, which amongst others will touch on the concept of safety and health in Islam, the link to the Maqasid Al-'Syariah and Wawasan 2035, the roles of SHENA as regulator and the roles of employers, will be recited at all mosques nationwide.

WDSHW Theme

3. This year's World Day for Safety and Health at Work theme is **"Act Together to Build a Positive Safety and Health Culture"**. I am happy to report that SHENA has been able to



pull active participations from Ministries and government agencies, companies, industries, as well as professionals and trade organisations, through those Safety Month's events. Through this, we hope SHENA is able to **drive and strengthen positive safety and health culture** in every organisations as this is necessary and fundamental in preventing and reducing work related accidents.

Safety Month

4. The Safety Month's events were meant to help better understand on the what's, how's and why's the culture is important to those directly involved, as well as impacted by activities, in the workplace. This understanding is to help **strengthen focus on safety and to improve safety performance**, thereby creating a workforce that is **engaged, competent, and motivated to work safely**. It is critical that the understanding and knowledge that were gained, the challenges that have been talked about and recommendations put forward, to be addressed further and implemented in the workplace, for the improvements and benefits of both the current workers and the future workforce.

E-SHENA

5. During the Safety Month opening on 28th April, E-SHENA, an online registration portal (or ORP) was launched. The E-



SHENA is meant to allow organizations to utilize digital technology platform in facilitating compliance to the law and regulations associated with safety and health at the workplace. The ORP provides users with a convenient mean for registration of their Workplace Safety and Health Officers, Radiation Protection Officers and General Workers, as well as applying Licenses online.

Communication

6. Another crucial element in embedding a positive safety and health culture in a workplace is effective communication. Another crucial one is active participation and empowerment of workers on safety matters. This is to allow them to feel that they are being taken care of and entrusted to make decision to avoid unsafe act and situations. Eventually, this will lead to a positive working environment, resulting in a more productive business performance.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

COVID-19 Pandemic

7. Of course, it would not be complete if we don't talk about the COVID-19 pandemic and its learnings to whole spectrum of things including workplace HSE. During the pandemic, almost every organisation has established protective



measures with a common goal of ensuring the welfare and good health of the workers. This involved a heavy reliance amongst others on digital technology and communication platforms in responding to such pandemic emergency. For that matter, I am so pleased and proud to see Brunei Darussalam is able to demonstrate her resilience in facing this most challenging health issue, ensure workers welfare and safety, and able to adapt to the evolutionary new norms, proving to the world that we could cope with that difficult situation. From the various discussion during the Safety Month's events, it was clear that the mitigation success in tackling the pandemic was owed to the integration of workplace safety with public health, coupled with the sustained collaboration between the authorities, government agencies, public and private sectors, and the general public.

Baseline

8. With the successful hosting of the month-long World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022, we have established a baseline and some common points. We need to build upon these and continue with the momentum to build a positive and compliance culture together. Therefore, SHENA seeks the strong support and commitment from all of you at personal and company level to collaborate and work together. Everyone plays a critical duty to achieve the goal



and together we can make a difference to help prevent the next accident.

9. Before concluding this speech, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to SHENA and its staff for organizing and hosting the event and all the participating agencies and organisations for their support, commitment and contribution throughout the whole period of the SHENA Safety Month. As mentioned by our former Minister-in-Charge in his opening remarks on 28th April 2022, let me echo the prompt for you to take away meaningful actions from this event, **to further drive the safety and health initiatives within your own organisation, to make Brunei Darussalam a safe place to work and live.**

With that, I hereby officially close the SHENA Safety Month in conjunction with World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022.

Thank you – Wabilahi Taufek Walhidayah, Wassalamua'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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