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SALUTATIONS

On behalf of Port Klang Authority, we welcome you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Asean Ports and Shipping Conference and Exhibition hosted by us, Port Klang Authority and organized by Transport Events Malaysia.

Port Klang Authority over the years have been actively involved in organizing and bringing significant and relevant maritime events to Malaysia to keep ourselves abreast with the rapid developments taking place in our industry and to also touch base with our fellow counterparts from the maritime community around the world.

As most of us are aware, global trade is increasing at a tremendous pace and globalization's impact on shipping trade is bringing about rapid new developments. How do we adapt to these changing demands and trends. I am confident that after our two days deliberations we will have a better idea. I must take this

opportunity to applaud the organizers, Transport Events Management for choosing such an apt theme.

Ladies and Gentleman,

Port Klang, the largest port in Malaysia, is the main sea gateway to the country. Port Klang started operations in the 1900's and has come a long way since its beginning as a railway port. Port Klang Malaysia's designated National load centre moved over 5.5 million boxes last year capturing almost 50% of the total Malaysian market share. Positioned 57 in the world ports ranking in 1986, today Port Klang is among the world's top 14, with the capacity to handle 10 million boxes.

We are very excited as we move ahead with a new project in hand that is Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ). PKFZ is designed to promote entreport trade and manufacturing industries involved in producing goods primarily for export and is both a Free Commercial Zone (FCZ) for commercial activities and a Free Industrial Zone (FIZ) for manufacturing activities making it one of its kind in Malaysia. With the successful implementation of this project, we hope to see an increase in cargo and trade at Port Klang and Malaysia adding to Port Klang's prominence in the maritime and shipping industry today.

Ladies and Gentleman,

I understand that some of you were on a site visit to Port Klang yesterday and for those of you who missed that opportunity, I would like to invite you again to visit our port and hope that some of you will take time off after the conference to do so. Our port officers would be more than willing to accommodate your requests

With that Ladies and Gentleman, let me say that it is an honor and a pleasure having all of you here. Have a good conference and a wonderful stay here in Malaysia.

Thank You.