ILO Message of Thanks
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Dear Honourable Dato Sri Haj Ismail bin Haj Abd. Muttalib, Deputy Minister of Human Resources,
Honourable Datuk Dr. Pang Chau Leong, Director of Skill Development of the Ministry of Human Resources,
Representatives from the Malaysian Employers’ Federation and the Malaysian Trades Union Congress,
Excellencies and distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me to first express my pleasure at having joined in this most prestigious event, the Green Skills - Human Resource Summit.

This Summit does not only cap the fourth phase of the Green Jobs Malaysia Project with focus on the promotion and awareness raising on skills standards – it also serves to cap the efforts of the Malaysian Government which started 2012 and is aimed at bringing together all stakeholders – regulators and implementers from industry in order to foster cooperation and commitment towards self-regulation.

Second, let me extend my thanks to our key partners - the Ministry of Human Resources and the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water not only for
making this event possible and inviting the ILO to take part and contribute but also for being a key partner to the ILO in many of our endeavours in Malaysia, such as the Green Jobs Malaysia Project.

As you will know, we also working with the Government of Malaysia and social partners on a number of other labour matters, for example a feasibility study for an unemployment insurance system and work on migrant worker services through a number of migrant resource centres.

But let me dwell bit more on the Green Jobs Malaysia Project. This was borne out of the request from your government to the ILO for assistance in the quest to transition towards chart a greener economy and meet the commitment made by the Malaysian Prime Minister, Excellency Najib Tun Razak in 2009 for a 40% reduction in Malaysia’s greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 2020.

We started our work in 2012, building the capacity of government, social partners and other stakeholders. I am pleased to say that since then, we have made significant inroads.

We now have a clearer picture of green jobs, on the prevalence of green jobs across the Malaysian economy, and on the entry points for further green job creation. This has been possible through activities such as this summit, the Green Jobs Foundation training back in 2012, the two levels of training of the dynamic social accounting matrix and the most recent two runs of Master trainers training on the national competency standards on green technology.
Together we produced a mapping of existing Green Jobs in the key sectors of the Malaysian Economy, such as:

(1) Agriculture, fishery and forestry;

(2) Energy;

(3) Water and waste management;

(4) Solid waste management;

(5) Transport; and

(6) Construction.

Through a multi-sectoral team of local and international experts, we have built a more comprehensive set of accounts disaggregated between green, brown and mixed sectors in Malaysia through the expanded Social Accounting Matrix and Dynamic Social Accounting Matrix (DySAM) spanning from 2000-2012.

Malaysia is among the very first countries with such a matrix, enabling planners, policy makers and other stakeholders including the social partners a good basis for identifying entry points for further green jobs creation as well as understanding the linkage between environment / climate change-related policies and the labour market.

In the medium term this will allow Malaysia to establish and model climate smart policies and thus maximize the potential for inclusive green jobs creation in the country.

Today in this Summit and as we are in the presence of the pool of 60 master trainers, we are closer to meeting the Project’s third objective of raised awareness and supporting improved compliance to developed national
competency standard on green technology and national occupational skills standards.

In the context of the forthcoming ASEAN Economic Community 2015, having high-level, high-value added workforce skills has been targeted by Malaysia under its 10th Malaysia Plan. A well-functioning, effective and efficient TVET (technical/vocational education and training) system that is aligned to the current and future industry needs and technological and environmental developments will be necessary. This was also one of the conclusion of a National Policy Dialogue we held with the Ministry of Human Resources just last week here in Putrajaya.

This training of Master Trainers is indeed very timely since the Green Technology Industry has strong potentials for employment generation and new business opportunities. It is foreseen that there will be great demand for green technology products and services and therefore, this sector has great potentials for expansion.

So, while we have done this small part, this is where the more important work has begun. I wish the master trainers all the best as they now do their part and set out across the country to share their knowledge.

Thank you.