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Participants of the 7th ASEAN Plus Three Junior Science Odyssey,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening and salam sejahtera.

INTRODUCTION

1. Today we celebrate the successful implementation of the 7th ASEAN Plus Three Junior Science Odyssey (7th APTJSO) in which, for the first time is hosted by Malaysia. First and foremost, I am delighted to be representing the ministry to welcome, all of you to the Closing Ceremony of 7th APTJSO. The Ministry would like to express our utmost appreciation to the organising committee, for the joint initiatives between the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC) and all of our distinguished strategic partners, the Ministry of Education (MOE), Academy of Science Malaysia (ASM), Young Scientists Network-Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM), the National Science Center Malaysia (NSC), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS), the National Planetarium

and the Petrosains, KLCC, for making this program successfully memorable.

2. I am very pleased to see the diversity of the participants from the ASEAN Plus Three countries. My heartiest congratulations to all the participants from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Viet Nam for successfully completing all the designated programmes.

Ladies & gentlemen,

3. By organising this event, we are one step closer to achieving the ASEAN's motto, which is "One Vision, One Identity, One Community". ASEAN is indeed a unique region, as we work together in peace with all the different cultures, which differentiates us from one another. I hope that these differences will bring us closer together, as we embark in a new era of the 4th Industrial Revolution. It is our responsibility to bestow upon the next generations, a better world, one in which they can achieve their dreams while developing a world of excellence and achieved aspirations.

4. Our utmost appreciation to the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Plus Three Center for the Gifted in Science (ACGS) for their great support throughout the program. We would also like to congratulate the organisers, individuals and companies that have been involved with us from the start. Their hard work, commitment and strong collaborations, ensured the success of this event. Let's give them a huge round of applause. I hope that collaborations like this will continue to flourish in the region in the near future.

Ladies & gentlemen,

5. We must also remember and value the hard work that the teachers have done in guiding the students. They have steered the junior scientists from all the countries, to strongly compete in this big event. Teachers, we say thank you, and please continue to nurture and develop more junior scientists that one day, may potentially become Nobel Prize winners in their own respective fields.

6. And last, but definitely not least, to all the participants, I would like to emphasize that each and everyone of you is a winner. Apart from healthy competition with each other to be the best among the best, the “*crème de la crème*”, there exist precious meaning in the memories, experiences and the relationships that you have built. Let us continue to foster good relationships and resume the networking that has been built during this programme. As one famous proverb says,

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”.

I also hope that all the participants will share what you have learned from this program with your friends and colleagues, when you return to your respective countries later. Always cherish all the valuable knowledge that you have gained throughout this competition.

7. Again, I sincerely congratulate all the participants for their hard work and effort in completing all the modules of the 7th APTJSO! Have a safe journey home tomorrow. Congratulations and thank you!

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