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Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome

1. Assalamualaikum and Good morning. It is my pleasure to be here today to extend a warm welcome to all of you to JISC/IEC/APSG Human Resource Development Seminar on “Standard for Green Society” and the 16TH Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSCEEE), from today until 21th November 2013, in Kuala Lumpur.

Introduction

Ladies and gentlemen

2. As mentioned by leaders of ASEAN, one of the aims in the founding of ASEAN was to facilitate cooperation of countries in the region. Over the years, ASEAN has spearheaded numerous initiatives to facilitate cooperation in many important areas.

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3. As such, ASEAN Economic Community was targeted to achieve by 2015 (AEC 2015). One of its objectives is to materialise ASEAN Single Market by 2015. Electrical and Electronic Equipment is one of the priority sectors which were intended to be allowed a smoother flow trading among ASEAN community.

4. As you are aware two agreements have been signed by Member States Ministers namely ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ASEAN EE MRA) in 2002 and ASEAN Harmonized Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulatory Regime (AHEEERR) in November 2005. Based on these two agreements, a Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSCEEE) was established, to facilitate the implementation for these two agreements.

5. Since November 2005, there has been 15 series of meeting among JSCEEE members and this week will be the 16th meeting. I was told most of the preparatory works has been completed. In doing so I understand the challenges you faced in getting consensus either in your home country or among member states. However in the spirit of ASEAN, I believe we could reach to consensus in our way of doing things, and the implementation of AHEEERR could be materialized before 2015. In this score I hope distinguish delegates could discussed and decided all matters seriously for the benefit of our country, our community and ASEAN.

Standard for Green Society

Ladies and Gentlemen

6. One of the AHEEERR objectives is to enhance cooperation amongst member countries in ensuring the protection of human health and safety, safety of property and the **preservation of the environment**. Today's seminar on "Standard for Green Society" is in line with this objective. This Seminar is an excellent example of the close collaboration between the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee (JISC), ASEAN and the IEC Asia-Pacific Steering Group in creating awareness and facilitating the participation of countries in the region. This seminar is also a

knowledge sharing forum on Energy Efficiency Standards and labelling of products, especially for electrical appliances.

Ladies and Gentlemen

7. Like many other countries Malaysia has gazetted labelling programmes and minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for five electrical appliances that is refrigerator, air conditioner, domestic fan, television and lighting, which will take effect from 4 May 2014.

8. This workshop will be a platform for participants from ASEAN member countries to exchange valuable information and knowledge on their energy efficiency regimes. This workshop also seeks to promote co-operation among ASEAN member countries thereby enhancing networking and facilitating ASEAN's progress towards the realisation of an open, dynamic and resilient community.

Opening

9. On behalf of Energy Commission, I would like to extend our appreciation to the JISC/IEC/APSG for organising this seminar; the ASEAN Secretariat, the staff of Energy Commission and would also like to thank the speakers for taking the time to share their expertise. Last but not the least, thank you to all distinguished delegates and participants present for attending this seminar and JSCEEE meeting from tomorrow till Thursday this week and I wish you all a fruitful and enjoyable stay in Kuala Lumpur .

10. I now declare this Seminar on "Standard for Green Society" and the 16TH Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSCEEE), open.

Thank you.