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**Salutations.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**A very good morning, Salam Sejahtera, Salam 1 Malaysia and Selamat Datang to our friends/colleagues/counterparts from the People's Republic of China and members of the Malaysian delegation.**

**First of all, on behalf of the Ministry of Transport Malaysia, I am delighted and privileged to have this opportunity to welcome all the delegates from Malaysia and China to the "2<sup>nd</sup> China Malaysia Port Alliance Annual Meeting" organized by Port Klang Authority, Malaysia, as the Malaysian Secretariat.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**As mentioned by our Honorable Minister earlier this morning, the Port Alliance between Malaysia and China was established in November 2015 with the aim to further pursue and implement**

**relevant action plans in strengthening communication and cooperation between ports of Malaysia and China and to establish long-term development of port business partnerships.**

**The Ministry of Transport Malaysia is optimistic that this initiative will augur well for the future of the port and logistics industry in both countries as well as provide a common platform for businesses from both countries to interact. This is indeed a huge opportunity for Malaysian Ports to learn more from China Ports on many aspects and areas including in the development of ports, port operations and technology by way of exchanging ideas and experiences.**

**Malaysia and China's move towards accelerating mutually beneficial partnership will serve as a boost towards the integration and expansion of the maritime network between both countries and further drive the growth of bilateral trade.**

**Ladies and Gentleman,**

**As Malaysia benefits from acquiring knowledge and experience sharing with China's party which are global leaders and trend setters in ports and maritime sector, China through its 'One Belt One Road' initiative will be able to play a prominent role in**

**facilitating trade in the region especially through the Straits of Melaka, one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.**

**This is where the CMPA (China-Malaysia Port Alliance) initiative plays a prominent role in many areas as it is seen as a mechanism to enhance cooperation and explore constructive ways to grow and develop our partnership. With this renewed ties, we are hopeful that Malaysia's global strategic relevance in the economic arena will thus be secured further into the foreseeable future reminiscence of the 15<sup>th</sup> century; where Melaka's alliance with China made it a key hub for the lucrative trade of spices, putting us on the map as an important port of call and trade centre.**

**It is clear that the Chinese Government and the Malaysian Government are committed to further grow and deepen the bilateral ties in the coming decades fortified by equality, mutual benefit and win-win principles. Chinese and Malaysian leaders have often reminded us that friendship serves as the foundation of good relation between the two countries and its' people and this fundamental principle is what we hope to build on in the future to enhance mutual economic prosperity and well being of both nation.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Without further ado, I wish to take this opportunity to thank both Malaysia and China secretariat of China Malaysia Port Alliance for their effort to make this meeting a reality today. On behalf of the Government of Malaysia, Ministry of Transport Malaysia will continue the support to this alliance to cooperate and collaborate among member parts to facilitate movement of trade between Malaysia and China. Therefore, I hope this “2<sup>nd</sup> China Malaysia Port Alliance Annual Meeting” will reach positive consensus in ongoing discussions and the areas of collaboration. I wish you all the success.**

**Thank You.**