



WELCOMING REMARKS

YBRS. DR. ROSLI BIN DARMAWAN DIRECTOR GENERAL MALAYSIAN NUCLEAR AGENCY

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF

18th POST GRADUATE EDUCATIONAL COURSE ON RADIATION PROTECTION & SAFETY OF RADIATION SOURCES ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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Assalamualaikum Warrahmatullahhiwabarakatuh and Salam Sejahtera

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Top management of Nuclear Malaysia, AELB and Ministry of Health Malaysia.

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Esteemed Colleagues, and Dear Participants,

Good Evening, Salam Malaysia Madani and Salam Nuklear

Dr. Rosli Darmawan, Director General of the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, sends his regards and regrets that he is unable to join us tonight due to some urgent matters. Therefore, I will be delivering his speech on his behalf.

- 1. Alhamdullillah,
- First of all, I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome to the Opening Ceremony for the 18th Post Graduate Educational Course on Radiation Protection & Safety of Radiation Sources.
- My sincere gratitude to YBhg. Dato' Ts. Dr. Hj. Aminuddin Hassim, Secretary General of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation Malaysia, for his presence and officiating the event.
- 4. I also warmly welcome the ambassadors and representatives from various embassies joining us tonight. I hope this occasion is enjoyable, relaxing, and memorable for all.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- For your information, PGEC-18 has been going from 6th May. Hopefully, this program will increase your knowledge and motivations.
- 6. Our goal is to build a global network of experts who are well-versed in the principles and practices of radiation protection. Therefore, this program plays a crucial role in achieving this goal by providing a comprehensive blend of theoretical knowledge and practical training.
- By participating in this course, you will not only enhancing your own capabilities but also will contribute to the broader mission of safeguarding public health and safety.
- 8. As a recognize the IAEA Regional Training Centre (RTC), I am fully confident that hosting this course will assist the participating countries in enhancing their national capabilities in meeting the IAEA guideline for radiation safety. Therefore, I would like to invite all participating countries to continue to collaborate with us in the future.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. For information, our agency has signed a practical arrangement (PA) with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 2022 for cooperation in education and

training in radiation, transport, and radioactive waste safety within the Asia-Pacific region.

- 10. This arrangement shows the importance of cooperation and collaboration in promoting an integrated approach to the development of education and training in supporting more effective technical cooperation program. This will ensure the activities are complementary and coordinated.
- 11. In embracing the future challenges, the IAEA and Nuclear Malaysia have been working on improving the syllabus and focusing on blended approach training consisting of field work computed simulation instead of traditional classroom training.
- 12. I was informed that the organizing committee had developed laboratory and demonstration manuals and will also conduct mock inspections in the training program this year.
- Malaysia will continue to play an important role in an implementation the IAEA Strategic Approach 2021–2030 in continuous delivery of education and training activities in radiation protection and waste safety.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- 14. I would like to and thanks and congratulate everyone who has been involved directly or indirectly. Especially to the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MOSTI), Nuclear Malaysia, AELB and Atom Malaysia, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and University Perdana Malaysia. Without the help and joint contribution from all agencies and ministries, in making this program a successful one.
- 15. Before ending, I would like to thank the organizing and technical committee for the effort to ensure that this event run accordingly.
- 16. To participants and guests, please enjoy your dinner this evening and keep striving for a better future for all of us.
- 17. With that, Wabbillahitaufik walhidayah Wassallamualaikum warrahmatulahhi wabarakatuh. Thank you.

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