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Distinguished Speakers, Honoured Guests, Delegates of Loss Prevention  
Asia 2019

Members of the Media, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera and a very good morning.

On behalf of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP) and the Loss Prevention Asia (LPA) 2019 organising committee, let me first extend our deepest gratitude to the Patron, Encik Dzafri Sham Ahmad, Vice President of Group Health, Safety, Security and Environment, PETRONAS for being here with us to officiate and deliver the first keynote address for LPA 2019. Thank you for making the time to attend despite your busy schedule. Your presence is indeed, truly appreciated.

It also gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome all our distinguished speakers, honourable guests and delegates to this inaugural conference, here at Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur. To all our overseas delegates, welcome to our beautiful country and I hope you enjoy your stay here – and if this isn't your first time, welcome back!

This first-ever LPA is organised by the Centre of Advanced Process Safety or CAPS, UTP in collaboration with the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), IChemE Safety Centre and Centre of Risk, Integrity and Safety Engineering (C-RISE) of Memorial University. With the theme, 'Building Resilience through Advanced Digital Safety and Technology', LPA will discuss on the advancement of technology through the digitalisation of process safety and integration of data analytics on future trends in managing process safety.

Distinguished Speakers, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The recent statistics in Asia shows a tremendous development of Major Hazard Installations indicating the requirement for more industrial practitioners who could manage process safety hazards. Thus, we need to deepen understanding and equip ourselves with advanced skills and expertise in process safety, loss prevention and risk assessment. Therefore, this conference provides a platform for all of us to work closely with well-known process safety institutions, the industries and experts.

Coming together, there is so much we can explore as we strongly emphasize on safety excellence. Safety is a shared responsibility, making every person accountable in sustaining a culture of zero harm, at all times. Going forward in this volatile period, our endurance would be tested and we need to remain determined to push the barriers of excellence. Loss prevention will undeniably remain a priority, but equally important is our commitment to manage these issues to ensure zero loss.

Hence, we bring to all of you this edition of LPA; two keynote speakers, four plenary speakers and two panel discussions with speakers, moderators and panellists of unmatched power and vigour, to provide thought-provoking insights on loss prevention. I'm delighted that we have so many excellent speakers at the conference this year, demonstrating the importance of process safety and loss prevention in a variety of sectors. By sharing these learnings and experiences we can truly have a positive impact on safety and innovation in the industry.

Distinguished Speakers, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

With around 100 experts converging in these two-days, to discuss on Loss Prevention, I am positive we will benefit tremendously from our discussions and intellectual discourse. To contribute in a long-term, viable and globally applicable manner to the Sustainable Development Goals, a much broader approach and knowledge exchange is necessary. I urge all of us from all parts of the worlds, to communicate and share the latest developments across the broad and diverse fields of loss prevention and the advancement of technology.

Under the UTP's Centre of Advanced Process Safety, we work together to enhance industrial workforce competencies related to managing hazardous processes and inculcate safety culture as well as provide innovations and solutions for loss prevention. This would realise CAPS' goal to become a National Higher Institution Centre of Excellence (HICoE). With all of your support, we can rise to the challenge and there is no better place and no better moment than now.

In fostering cooperation for mutual benefit, later we will have a Memorandum of Understanding Exchange Ceremony between UTP and IChemE Safety Centre to bolster our ties especially in the common areas of process safety. There are so many other areas both of our organisations can work on collaboratively especially in the advent of this Fourth Industrial Revolution. This ceremony is more than a renewal of an existing agreement. It is a strengthening of the ties we have with IChemE and the role UTP can play in developing a safety culture within the ASEAN region and hopefully, later, at the global stage.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In closing, allow me to again express my sincere gratitude to all our collaborators for LPA 2019, Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), IChemE Safety Centre and Centre of Risk, Integrity and Safety Engineering (C-RISE) of Memorial University for their support in making LPA 2019 a reality.

I would also like to thank our main sponsor, PETRONAS as well as the other sponsors – Dialog, Inframatrix Sdn Bhd, Sarawak Shell Bhd, INPEX, Versatec Energy B.V, Advisian Sdn Bhd, ConocoPhillips, Risktec, Kawalan Api Engineering Sdn Bhd, PSRG Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and Pure Integrity for their invaluable support.

My heartiest appreciation also goes to the LPA 2019 organising committee for their commitment and dedication in ensuring the success of this event.

By building bridges between researchers, academia, and industry and linking innovative minds across disciplines, I hope that LPA 2019 will provide an inspiring and innovative platform to exchange and develop knowledge which will lead to enduring collaborations.

I once again would like to thank Encik Dzafri Sham Ahmad and all distinguished speakers. I wish all participants a fruitful and informative conference.

Thank you. Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah

Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.