

**REMARK BY THE HEAD OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATION  
AT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF IMT-GT WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE, AGRO-  
BASED INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT  
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Distinguished Guest,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is indeed a great pleasure and honor for me to be here today along with my delegates to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of IMT-GT Working Group on Agriculture, Agro-Based Industry and Environment.

On behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the very warm hospitality extended to us by Indonesia, the host of this meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Much progress has been achieved since the establishment of the IMT-GT since 1993. We sincerely hope that with the Roadmap formulated and prepared, the IMT-GT region will continue to register higher growth and development rates in all areas including

the agriculture and agro-based industry sectors. I believe all of us have an important role to play in ensuring the IMT-GT Roadmap for Development 2007-2011 is fully implemented and realized as desired by all the stakeholders.

Today's meeting is of great importance as it provides the forum for all of us to evaluate, prioritize and deliberate in greater details the planning and as well as the implementation of the programs and projects already outlined during the (IMT-GT) 3<sup>rd</sup> Post Summit Planning Meeting in Pekanbaru, Sumatera, Indonesia on 20 – 21 Mar 2009. The presence of representatives from the Asian Development Bank in this meeting is indeed most appreciated as they could assist us in identifying what the deliverables and offer professional advice and guidance in the implementation of the projects stipulated in the Roadmap.

There are undoubtedly many challenges ahead for Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, but I believe and confident that we can all work together to enable us to share the benefits. It is obvious that in addressing those challenges, a continuous and concerted effort by all the key players and stakeholders from both the private sector and the government is essential. The outcome of this meeting will indeed be a useful input for three countries in formulating measures for future cooperation.

Finally, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all those in particular the organizing committee who made this day possible, and I would like to insist that all three countries continue to draw inspiration and build a future of shared prosperity and dynamic cooperation on agriculture, agro-based and environment sectors.

Thank you.