



**MESSAGE BY
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CHIEF MINISTER OF MELAKA
IN CONJUNCTION OF
KASPACES MALAYSIA NATIONAL WORKSHOP
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Thank you very much for the insightful remarks by the Honourable chairperson,

Mr. Christian Echle,
Director, Regional Political Dialogue Asia,
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Singapore;

Mr. Victorino Aquitania,
Regional Director,
ICLEI South East Asia Secretariat;

Honourable Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Ts. Hj Idris bin Haron,
The Melaka State Executive
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Honoured guests and members, speakers, ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum WBT, Salam Sejahtera, and

Salam **“MELAKAKU MAJU JAYA, RAKYAT BAHAGIA, MENGGAMIT DUNIA”**. This Melaka state slogan means **‘My Melaka As A Progressive State, People’s Happiness And Beckoning Globally’**.

Distinguish Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It gives me great pleasure, to address this special forum; KASpaces Malaysia National Workshop organised by Konrad Adenauer Foundation, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability in collaboration with Melaka State Government and Hang Tuah Jaya Municipal Council.
2. Given the new realities of our time, I am joining you virtually from the Historic City of Melaka, once was the trade hub of Southeast Asia and soon, a regional centre of new economic growth and digital innovation.
3. I am truly grateful by the participation of so many leading lights from the region. I sincerely hope our discussion today will establish a new chapter in the ongoing journey into realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
4. Since the beginning of last year, the COVID-19 Pandemic has been one of the most challenging periods of human history. I am hopeful that the success of many countries in controlling the spread of infections, coupled with the extensive vaccination programs will allow for a wider and more meaningful opening of our economies.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. ICLEI has been always supporting Melaka towards achieving the state's green agenda which has also embarked us on a journey to transform into resilient and sustainable cities.
6. Historically on 10th December 2015, Melaka was working closely with ICLEI to develop the first state level greenhouse gasses emission inventory (GHG) for Melaka. We have managed to publish the report during the United Nations Framework Conventions for Climate Change (UNFCCC) conference of parties (COP 21) in Paris, France.
7. Back then in 2016, Melaka and ICLEI had also organised an international conference, the 2nd Asia Pacific Forum On Urban Resilience and Adaptation (RCAP) involving events, forums and activities.
8. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank ICLEI and all representatives from more than 30 countries represented here in Melaka for supporting Melaka over the years.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. As for the state of Melaka and Malaysia, our doors are always open to discuss any possible ways, through which we could assist and support each other, be it in the tourism, agriculture or industrial areas, in order to allow us contributing to sustainable economic, environment and equity growth.

10. While we still face numerous challenges amidst the pandemic and emerging global economic slowdown, we must look beyond our short-term challenges and prepare to leverage on future possibilities.
11. I believe the spirit of cooperation embodied on Konrad Adenauer Foundation, ICLEI and other partners will facilitate our recovery and propel our success to greater heights.
12. I pray that the current pandemic will be over, and that shall soon be free again to broaden and deepen the relationship amongst our partners to deliver solid growth, prosperity and sustainability for our people and environment.

Ladies and gentlemen,

13. Once again, on behalf of Malaysia, allow me to extend my utmost appreciation to all our esteemed organisers, speakers and participants for sharing their valuable ideas and recommendations during this KASpaces Malaysia National Workshop.
14. I hope to see all of you very soon in our historic city of Melaka and enjoy the colours, together with the richness of our culture.

Thank you.