



# **OPENING REMARKS**

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**MALAYSIAN ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION**

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**"Towards a Corrupt-Free Future: Strengthening Global  
Governance Together"**

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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Distinguished guests;

Esteemed participants;

Ladies and gentlemen.

1. A very cheery and corruption-free morning to each one of you! It is an absolute honour and privilege to stand before you as the Chief Commissioner of the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) on this momentous occasion, the World Anti-Corruption Conference (WACC) where we have all gathered to tackle corruption head-on and create a future that shines bright with transparency and integrity. I must say, it's heartwarming to see so many familiar faces here, all with one common mission to kick corruption to the curb!
2. I'd like to extend a special word of thanks to the International Strategy Institute (ISI) Malaysia and the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Indonesia for their exceptional efforts in organizing this event. Our collective presence here today bears testament to our unwavering commitment to addressing and combatting corruption on a global scale.
3. Our conference theme, "Towards a Corrupt-Free Future: Strengthening Global Governance Together," is as inspiring as it is essential. In this era of interconnectedness, corruption knows no boundaries, and neither should our resolve to uproot it. As we delve into topics like preventing the misuse of laws to evade accountability and ensuring accountability for clean governance,
4. I am reminded of a profound quote from Indonesia, a nation that has endured the struggle against corruption with unwavering determination. "***Tak ada gading yang tak retak***" - "**There is no ivory without cracks.**" This quote reminds us that even the mightiest of structures can falter if not built on a foundation of integrity. Let us

be united in our pursuit of a corruption-free world, recognizing that our collective efforts can mend those cracks and fortify the pillars of clean governance.

5. You know, the fight against corruption is no piece of cake. It's like a game of whack-a-mole: you squash it in one place, and it pops up somewhere else! But here we are, standing firm in our commitment to raise awareness, share knowledge and experiences, develop policies, build capacity, and most importantly, forge lasting networks and collaborations. Together, we'll unleash a force so strong that even corruption will quake in its boots!
6. But before we get too serious, let me share a little joke with you all. Why did the corrupt politician cross the road? Well, to get to the other side... of the bank vault, of course! But fear not, my friends, because we're here to make sure that side is locked up tight!
7. Now, onto the serious business of why we're here. This conference is all about achieving our objectives: raising awareness, sharing knowledge and experiences, developing policies, building capacities, and fostering networking and collaboration. It's like a five-course meal of anti-corruption goodness, and we're all here to dig in!
8. The objectives of this conference resonate deeply with our shared vision and purpose. We are here to raise awareness, not just amongst ourselves, but to empower every corner of society to recognize corruption as an impediment to progress and justice. Our collective efforts will cast a light on the shadows of corruption, dispelling darkness with the rays of integrity.
9. ***Our collective efforts much include political will right at the top to ensure we are on the right track. This is evidently clear, in relation to Malaysia, when the Malaysian Prime Minister emphasises that the MACC should be leading in all anti-corruption, integrity and good governance initiatives.***

10. ***With the absorption of National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC), placed under MACC and aptly named the National Governance Planning Division which took effect on 14th April 2023, a total of 6 main functions of the GIACC, namely advising the Government, coordinating the implementation of initiatives, assessing the level of effectiveness, planning strategies, monitoring and reporting the findings of actions related to governance, integrity and anti-corruption will continue and be shouldered by MACC to ensure the continuation of the momentum on the implementation of Government policies related to governance, integrity and anti- corruption. This exemplifies government's seriousness in tackling issues relating to governance, integrity and anti-corruption head-on.***
11. **Ladies and Gentlemen.** The essence of this conference lies in the exchange of knowledge and experiences. As we share insights, success stories, and lessons learned, we sow the seeds of inspiration that shall sprout into transformative action. Together, we form a tapestry of wisdom, woven with threads of collaboration, that binds us across borders and cultures.
12. I urge each one of you to actively engage, share, and participate in the spirit of mutual respect and collaboration. Our strength lies in our unity, and our impact will resonate far beyond the walls of this conference hall.
13. Before I conclude, let me leave you with a famous Malaysian/Indonesian quote that resonates deeply with our mission: "***Dimana bumi dipijak, di situ langit dijunjung***" - "**We carry the sky on our shoulders wherever we go.**" Today, we carry the weight of our shared responsibility to shape a better future for all.
14. Thank you all for being here and for being the champions of change that the world desperately needs. Together, we shall pave the way towards a "Corrupt-Free Future," and remember, my fellow anti-corruption warriors, laughter is the best anti-

corruption medicine! So let's buckle up, fasten our seatbelts, and get ready for an unforgettable journey of learning, collaboration, and unyielding determination.

15. Terima kasih, thank you, and let's make history, one corruption-free step at a time!