

# **WELCOME AND OFFICIATING SPEECH**

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**Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen**

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings to all.**

## **Salutations**

**(To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event)**

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His grace and blessings that made this momentous occasion possible.
2. It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone in attendance at **Resorts World Awana, Genting Highlands**, and those joining us virtually to the **International Environment, Social, and Governance Conference (i-ESG) 2023**.
3. I am thrilled to speak at the opening ceremony of this historical event. But, please allow me to first congratulate UiTM Pahang Branch for organising this prestigious conference.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

4. The conference this year has set its main focuses on **Environment, Social, and Governance** with one salient keyword that binds them together: **Sustainability**.
5. The idea of sustainability is vital in aiding the protection of the earth, preserving natural resources, and promoting social and economic well-being.
6. Its notion emphasises meeting the needs of the present generation without jeopardising future generations' ability to fulfill their own needs.
7. Environmental concerns have raised global awareness of sustainable issues and shifted traditional investments from profit maximisation to upholding sustainability.

8. Since its introduction by the United Nations in 2004, the **Environmental, Social, and Governance or ESG integration** has been considered one of the **recent** and most **widely adopted** sustainability **yardsticks** worldwide.
9. ESG provides an essential framework for evaluating **organisational practices** and **performances** on sustainability and ethical issues while involving data sharing on environmental, social, and governance that improves stakeholder transparency to minimise risks and seek opportunities.
10. It is definite that ESG is crucial to our planet as there is no Planet B when it comes to climate change.
11. Simultaneously, ESG not only affects problems pertaining to the environment, but also influences issues involving society such as human rights

violations, child exploitation, and corrupt business practices.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

12. Looking at the relentless global issues such as climate change, social and economic well-being, as well as ethical responsibility towards the planet and future generations, there is an urgent need to discuss ways to lessen or overcome the problems.
13. With the theme '**Realising Future World**', the i-ESG conference is a suitable platform to bring together researchers, academicians, managers, and even policymakers, to present their findings and share their experiences in related topics and areas, with the hope of contributing to this **Future World** that we envision.
14. It requires global collaboration and knowledge sharing to overcome a worldwide problem through sustainable policies and practices at an international scale.

15. I hope this conference will assist us in making concrete decisions to go one step closer to achieving our objectives and making the world a better place for us and future generations.
16. On that note, I would like to congratulate the committees of i-ESG 2023 and everyone involved in the success of this conference.
17. A special thanks to all participants for your interest and support, not just for this conference, but for working towards the goal of achieving a sustainable and equitable future for all.

**Without further ado, with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*,  
it gives me great pleasure to officiate  
the International Environment, Social and  
Governance Conference 2023.**

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**