



YB MINISTRY OF FINANCE MALAYSIA

WELCOMING REMARKS

SUKUK PRIHATIN LAUNCHING CEREMONY



Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan Salam Sejahtera,

1. Menghadap ke bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah.
2. Ampun Tuanku beribu-ribu ampun, sembah patik pohon diampun.
3. Patik bagi pihak Kementerian Kewangan merafak sembah dan menjunjung kasih atas perkenan ke bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Tuanku, berangkat bercemar duli Ke Majlis Pelancaran Sukuk Prihatin bertempat di Kementerian Kewangan pada hari Ini.
4. Sesungguhnya, keberangkatan ke bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Tuanku menjadikan majlis ini amat istimewa dan lebih bermakna bagi patik-patik sekalian. Sebagai seorang Raja yang berjiwa rakyat, Tuanku sentiasa memberi sokongan penuh kepada usaha Kerajaan untuk membantu rakyat dan ekonomi negara dalam menghadapi krisis COVID-19. Malah, Tuanku sendiri telah banyak memberi sumbangan peribadi untuk membantu rakyat yang terkesan oleh COVID-19 ini.
5. Ampun Tuanku, seterusnya patik mohon limpah perkenan ke bawah Duli Tuanku untuk patik mengalu-alukan kehadiran tetamu yang lain dan seterusnya meneruskan ucapan patik. Ampun tuanku.
 - Yang Amat Berhormat Tan Sri Muhyiddin bin Mohd Yassin, Perdana Menteri Malaysia
 - Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Mohd Zuki bin Ali, Ketua Setiausaha Negara;
 - Yang Berhormat Tuan Mohd Shahr bin Abdullah, Timbalan Menteri Kewangan 2;

- Yang Berbahagia Dato' Asri bin Hamidon, Ketua Setiausaha Perbendaharaan;
- Yang Berbahagia Datuk Nor Shamsiah binti Mohd Yunus, Gabenor Bank Negara Malaysia
- Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri, Dato' Seri, Dato', Datin, Tuan-Tuan dan Puan-Puan, Warga kerja Kementerian Kewangan, Wakil Pihak Bank dan hadirin yang dihormati sekalian,

6. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Yang Amat Berhormat Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Prime Minister of Malaysia, for taking the time to be with us on this momentous occasion.

7. I would also like to share that during YAB Tan Sri's tenure as Deputy Prime Minister, he also launched the world's first Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Sukuk worth RM100 million in 2015.

8. That SRI Sukuk was issued by a company under Khazanah Nasional. Alhamdulillah, YAB Prime Minister's continued support is very encouraging, particularly for the development of SRI Sukuk in Malaysia.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. It is well known that the Government has rolled out various economic stimulus packages - PRIHATIN, PRIHATIN SME Plus and PENJANA – cumulatively valued at RM295 billion, to protect and empower the rakyat, support and revitalise businesses and strengthen the economy. These packages also include the Government's direct fiscal injection of RM45 billion.

10. I am pleased to share that, thus far, among the direct recipients of the financial aids from the Government to ease the burden of the *rakyat* and entrepreneurs include:

- 10.6 million recipients of *Bantuan Prihatin Nasional*, in the B40 and M40 groups who had received assistance amounting to RM11.1 billion;
- 321,000 employers and 2.6 million employees who have benefited from wage subsidy benefits worth RM7.8 billion; and
- A total of 545,000 micro entrepreneurs who had received the *Geran Khas Prihatin* with a total value of RM1.6 billion.

11. Many other measures have been implemented. Alhamdulillah, so far, these plans have successfully saved almost 2.8 million jobs and benefited 800,000 businesses.

12. One of the measures that has benefited the rakyat and businesses is the moratorium on loan repayment from the banking sector, valued at RM66.6 billion thus far. To the representatives of the various banks present here today, the Government would like to thank all of you once again for your considerate gesture.

13. Today, the banking sector has once again come together to benefit the rakyat and corporates, namely by facilitating the subscription to this sukuk issuance by the Government. This sukuk is one of the initiatives under the National Economic Recovery Plan (PENJANA) launched by Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister on 5 June. Based on the Government's 6R strategy, which features 6 stages namely (1) Resolve; (2) Resilience; (3) Restart; (4) Recovery; (5) Revitalize and (6) Reform, the proceeds of this sukuk will be used for "Recovery" initiatives, under the fourth stage.

14. This sukuk is expected to facilitate efforts to ensure the well-being of targeted stakeholders. The syariah-compliant sukuk is established in response to requests by various parties to contribute towards the recovery efforts of our beloved nation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

15. This is the first issuance of a sukuk by the Government that can be fully subscribed or invested through digital banking platforms, utilising *JomPAY* and *DuitNow* facilities. The minimum amount for the initial investment is RM500, and the profit rate is 2% per annum, for two years.

16. This is competitive rate as it is locked for 2 years. Profits will be credited quarterly into the investor's account. Within 2 years, investors have the option to donate the subscription amount to Kumpulan Wang Covid-19, and this amount will enjoy a tax deduction.

17. InsyaAllah, with this sukuk issuance and also support from our fellow rakyat with a patriotic and nationalistic spirit, Malaysia can recover quickly to enable the continuous sharing of our prosperity.

18. In this regard, I would like to thank Bank Negara Malaysia, PayNet and the banking institutions that have participated as distributors, especially Maybank which is also the main distributor bank for this sukuk. My appreciation also goes to the MOF staff who have made this event a success.

AmpunTuanku,

19. Demikianlah sahaja persembahan ucapan patik pada hari ini, patik sekali lagi merafak sembah, menjunjung setinggi-tinggi kasih atas perkenan ke bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Tuanku berangkat ke majlis kami. Patik juga mendoakan agar ke bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Tuanku berada di dalam perlindungan Allah Subhanahu Wataala dan dikurniakan kesihatan yang baik serta memerintah negara Malaysia dengan sempurna dan sejahtera.

20. Sejuta penghargaan sekali lagi kepadaYang Amat Berhormat Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin kerana telah meluangkan masa untuk merasmikan pelancaran sukuk ini.

21. Sebelum mengakhiri ucapan ini, terimalah dua rangkap pantun dari saya. Rangkap yang pertama adalah khas untuk ke bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Tuanku:

*Sekali bah, pasir berubah
Tetap teguh, serumpun buluh
Bukan sembah sebarang sembah
Sembah menyusun jari sepuluh*

*Laksamana gagah di atas pentas;
Berat pun batu, mudah dijulang,
Manfaat Sukuk seperti emas,
Bakal dicari semua orang.*

22. Ampun Tuanku. Patik-patik sekalian menjunjung kasih, Tuanku.

23. Wabillahi al-taufiq wal hidayah wassalamu'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh. Terima kasih.