

**Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety
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Opening Remarks by Malaysia**

**to be delivered by
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Thank you Minister Gemba.
Honourable Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. I would like to echo the words of warm welcome by Minister Gemba and let me at the outset congratulate the Government of Japan for convening this important Conference. I would also like to thank the Government of Japan for giving Malaysia the honour and the trust to co-chair this Conference.
2. Please accept the apologies of my Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation for not being able to attend and co-chair this conference due to some pressing matters. However, I am deeply honoured to represent him and will try the best of my ability to ensure that this Conference comes to a successful conclusion.
3. Apart from showing solidarity with the people and Government of Japan, I accept the invitation to co-chair this Conference because we view nuclear safety with utmost importance not only because of the growing nuclear power development in Asia and the world in general but also because of the potential effects on public health and environment should a nuclear accident happens. In addition, given that nuclear or radiological accidents may have transboundary effects, it is important that nuclear safety issues, particularly in emergency preparedness, mitigation strategies, dissemination of information etc, be addressed in a multilateral environment and according to internationally approved standards in which the IAEA should play a central role. In this regard, I am happy that this Conference is held in cooperation with the IAEA because we view that the IAEA assumes an important role in the promotion of global nuclear safety.
4. I believe that we all should take the opportunity of this conference to exchange views, learn lessons, share experiences as we try to further strengthen international cooperation vis a vis nuclear safety.
5. Lastly but not the least, I would like to thank Ambassador Ozawa and Ambassador Shahrul Ikram for their leading roles in facilitating the preparatory process in Vienna prior to this Conference.
6. Together with my co-chair, I look forward towards your full cooperation to ensure that this Conference runs smoothly and achieve its objectives.

Thank you.