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Yang Berbahagia Datuk Dr. Syed Muhamad bin Syed Abdul Kadir, Chairman of CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad,

Yang Berusaha Encik Badlisyah Abdul Ghani, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad,

Yang Berusaha Mr. Stephen Lai, Chief Executive Officer of NextVIEW,

Honoured guests,

Esteemed investors,

Ladies and gentlemen,

A very good morning.

It is my privilege to be here today and to bid you welcome to one of the more renowned gatherings of investors and traders in Asia. Once again, Bursa Malaysia is honoured to be part of this prominent conference and I am delighted to witness the strong interest this event garners, clearly shown by the high attendance today. Allow me to thank the organiser, the NextVIEW Group, for their ongoing commitment in providing a platform for experts and industry players to showcase attractive investment opportunities in the region to Malaysian investors.

Today's event is special to me personally, as this is my first public engagement as the Chief Executive Officer of Bursa Malaysia. I am delighted that my first public engagement is with a critical stakeholder of the Exchange - investors such as yourselves. I look forward to many more engagement sessions with you in times to come.



Ladies and gentlemen,

I trust that as informed investors, you are well aware that the market has been experiencing many uncertainties of late, arising from the recent calamities in Japan and the political tension in the Middle East. Against all these, it is encouraging to note that our economy is recovering steadily and investment opportunities remain abundant. GDP for 2011 is projected to grow by 5 to 6 percent, as forecasted by Bank Negara recently, on the back of strong domestic demand and sound economic fundamentals. The Government has taken affirmative and progressive steps to transform the economy to achieve a high-income status, with the New Economic Model and the Economic Transformation Programme introduced as catalysts for the next phase of economic growth. The ETP is already in its implementation phase and this will no doubt provide plentiful opportunities for both local and foreign investors.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It would be remiss of me if I didn't take this opportunity to share with you the many quality companies listed on Bursa Malaysia that offers good valuations from a wide range of key and high growth sectors such as palm oil plantation, oil and gas, education, financial and healthcare – just to name a few. There are also asset classes such as REITs and ETFs that can cater to investors who are looking for portfolio diversification. The Exchange is looking into opening up bonds to the retail segment, which will bring the Malaysian bond market to the next level. With the ETP already set in motion, it is an opportune time for informed investors to take advantage of market conditions for good equities pickings.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Bursa Malaysia Derivatives successfully concluded its 22nd Palm and Lauric Oils Conference & Exhibition, attracting a record high attendance of over 2,000 delegates from more than 60 countries around the world. Our crude palm oil futures, or FCPO, contracts have been enjoying strong performance in terms of volumes of contracts traded and open interests, especially after our products were made accessible on the CME Globex® electronic trading platform. This clearly signifies the strong appeal that this highly liquid contract has for many traders and investors.



In addition, our derivatives market offers the tradable FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI futures, also known as the FKLI based on the underlying benchmark index. For equity traders, investors and fund managers, this FKLI futures forms a critical component of their investment portfolio and warrants close attention. I urge you to attend the session conducted by Mr. Chong Kim Seng, CEO of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives, later today on the exciting opportunities for both trading and entrepreneurial opportunities in derivatives. Do visit the Bursa Malaysia Derivatives booth to find out more.

The success of Islamic finance in Malaysia has always been predicated on being innovative. On this note, the Malaysian Islamic market has progressed in terms of size, efficiency and range of instruments. As of February 2011, close to 60 percent of the total market capitalisation of listed securities on Bursa Malaysia is Shari'ah-compliant. The assets under management for Islamic ETF as at end of March is RM637 million, while Islamic REITs totals to RM2.37 billion. We expect these numbers to grow steadily in the foreseeable future. Just as notable, Malaysia is today the world's largest *sukuk* issuance and *sukuk* listing centre. To date, Bursa Malaysia's *sukuk* listing stands at USD27.9 billion with 19 *sukuk* listed by 17 issuers.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today and tomorrow, you will be able to gain holistic insights on investment and trading trends, tips and prospects, including opportunities in the equities, derivatives and Islamic capital markets. I believe that there are a great number of analysts here over the next two days who will be sharing with you their outlook for this quarter, and I hope this will further spur interest amongst you to invest in the capital market. This is also in line with the Government's hope to increase retail participation by 50 percent in 2020.

Retail participation is undoubtedly critical for the creation of a vibrant and dynamic capital market. The Exchange has continued its efforts to reach out to retail investors and equip them with the latest knowledge and tools to achieve their investment goals. As information is key in creating well-informed investors, I must say that initiatives such as ATIC, which is aimed at giving investors an additional platform to gain better understanding on the present investment landscape, is most welcomed.



Before I conclude, allow me to thank the organiser, the NextVIEW Group, for inviting me to be here today. Bursa Malaysia is pleased to once again be a part of this conference as it provides us a valuable platform to meet with you, the investors, and to share with you some interesting opportunities in our market. On this note, I would like to urge all of you to take this opportunity to explore and learn from the experts, and in this process, become more informed investors. Thank you and I wish you a pleasant day ahead.

Thank you.