

INVESTOR EXPO 2010

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Yang Berhormat Senator Dato' Donald Lim Siang Chai, Deputy Finance Minister Malaysia,
Mr. Patrick Daniel, Chairman of ShareInvestor Group,
Ms. Audrey Ho, Chairman of Malaysian Investor Relations Association,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Good morning.

Firstly, I would like to thank Share Investor for giving me the opportunity to speak in today's opening of the Investor Expo 2010. It is great to see such a good turnout as it signifies that our capital market is receiving good interest from investors, and I hope that the trend will continue to move upwards. I must commend Share Investor for their ongoing commitment in reaching out to investors, and I am personally encouraged to see the tremendous response from investors here today.

To us, your participation is important in order to create a vibrant and dynamic capital market. However, rather than to just encourage people to invest in the stock market, we also need to build a well-informed retail investor base.

It cannot be denied that investing in the stock market does have an element of risk. There is no crystal ball that can help us see into the future of the companies we invest in. However, risks can be managed when your decisions are backed by a sound understanding of all relevant factors relating to the business of a company. Essentially, it is information that will help you arrive at decisions you can be comfortable with, and this is why regulators put in place stringent disclosure requirements upon listed companies.

I must also add, that initiatives such as this Investor Expo, which are aimed at giving investors an additional platform to gain a better understanding of the present investment

landscape are most welcome. Ensuring a sustainable retail market is certainly a collective responsibility of all capital market players.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As you have all taken time from your busy schedules to be here, I feel it would be remiss of me if I didn't take this opportunity to tell you of the many quality companies on Bursa Malaysia that offer good valuations from a wide range of key and high growth sectors such as plantation, rubber gloves, education, healthcare and oil & gas - just to name a few. We have also seen more interesting instruments being introduced such as the Callable Bull/Bear Certificates.

Bursa Malaysia's derivatives market and Islamic market also hold some interesting developments to watch for. Our crude palm oil futures contract has a strong track record and as a result of our partnership with the CME Group, the crude palm oil futures contracts will soon be tradable on CME's Globex platform, enabling us to profile it to a wider range of international investors.

For Islamic markets, we have investment products such as the Shari'ah Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Islamic Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) which offer investment returns via capital gain and stable dividends.

As you may be aware, the two latest and largest REITs that were listed on Bursa Malaysia have been the talk of town, namely the CapitaMall REIT listed just yesterday and the Sunway REIT last week. In accordance to that, Bursa Malaysia is hosting a special session on Malaysian REITs in 2010 where we will be able to hear insights from high level speakers on the opportunities in this sector.

Ladies and gentlemen,

At Bursa Malaysia, we strongly encourage public listed companies to actively engage with their shareholders or investors to build a relationship that will create a long-lasting value for the company. This will, in turn, enable sustainable business growth in the long run, and this is what you and I look out for in our investments. On that note, we are supportive of the role that the Malaysian Investor Relations Association or better known as MIRA, plays in assisting corporate Malaysia to achieve this mission via investor relations or IR activities.

As companies grow, IR will become more prominent and a necessary element especially to existing and potential shareholders as it helps a great deal in sharing the company's prospects and opportunities, which in turn can attract more investors who are able to bring in funds to the company. I believe that through IR initiatives, these companies are able to remain on the radar screens of investors, the media and business analyst.

MIRA has been doing an excellent job in educating and instilling the value to investor relations as a fundamental element in companies. Please keep up the good work.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I believe that there are always opportunities if we know what we're looking for. With the Government's commitment in making Malaysia more business-friendly to investors, companies with strong fundamentals, innovative product offerings and more convenient access points into our market, the time is right for all of you to explore the potential that this market may hold for you.

On that note, before I end my speech today, I would like to urge all of you to take this opportunity at Investor Expo 2010 today to explore and learn from the experts, and in this process, become more informed investors.

I would like to thank Share Investor and MIRA again for organising this event. To the visiting guests, please take this opportunity to update yourselves on what the market has to offer and find out more about smart investing through this event. I am sure you will be able to discover some gems.

Thank you.