



**WELCOME REMARKS**  
**YANG BERBAHAGIA DATO' WAN ABDUL LATIFF**  
**WAN JAFFAR**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENVIRONMENT**

**LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF**  
**THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD**  
**OZONE DAY 2024**

**11 OKTOBER 2024**  
**IGEM | HALL 7A, KLCC**

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Senior Officers of Ministries, Departments, and Agencies,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh dan salam  
Malaysia Madani.

1. Firstly, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone here today for attending the launching ceremony of the National Celebration of the World Ozone Day 2024. Your presence here highlights our shared commitment to environmental protection.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

2. Every year, on 16 September, 198 parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, including Malaysia, celebrate World Ozone Day. This day, declared by the United Nations in 1994, holds special significance for Malaysians as it coincides with Malaysia Day.

3. This year, the theme for World Ozone Day is "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Change". This theme highlights the expanded role of the Montreal Protocol in not only protecting the ozone layer but also addressing climate change. Originally focused to phase-out ozone depleting substances (ODS) like CFCs and HCFCs, it now includes reducing hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are potent greenhouse gases contribute to global warming. Through efforts like the Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol, it contributes to restoring the ozone layer and reducing global warming. This leads to improved public health, environmental resilience, and a more sustainable future, as the ozone layer shields us from harmful UV radiation that can damage ecosystems and human health.

4. Since 2012, we have started the reduction of HCFCs under the HCFC Phase-Out Management Plan or more commonly known as HPMP. HPMP Stage I was implemented from 2012 to 2016, with financial assistance amounting to USD 9.59 million from the Multilateral Fund

(MLF). Through this initiative, Malaysia reduced 38% of HCFC consumption from its baseline, surpassing the target set by the Montreal Protocol, which is 10% reduction by 2015.

5. Currently, we are now completing the Stage II of the HPMP, supported by USD 6,138,063 from the MLF, aiming for a 42.9% reduction by 2022. I am proud to inform you that in 2023, we successfully eliminated 362.18 Ozone Depletion Potential Tons (ODPT) of HCFCs, which is 70% of our baseline, far exceeding the reduction target set by the Montreal Protocol. We aim to completely phase out HCFC use by 2030.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

6. This year, we are going to commence with the implementation HCFC Phase-Out Management Plan (HPMP) Stage III. With the support of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as our implementing partner since the starts of HPMP, HPMP Stage III aims to

phase out all HCFC consumption in Malaysia by 2030, except for a 2.5% allowance for servicing until 2040. The plan's overarching goal is to ensure compliance with the Montreal Protocol's targets while minimizing impacts on the national economy, environment, and occupational health.

7. HPMP Stage III will be the final phase of the HPMP and will ensure sustainable phase out of HCFC in Malaysia, particularly in the refrigeration and air conditioning servicing sector. The key components of HPMP III will focus in improved servicing practices, enhanced training for technicians and enforcement officers, promote recovery and reclamation of refrigerants, strengthen policy and regulation, increased awareness among the public and adoption of low global warming potential alternatives.

8. The implementation of HPMP III will create jobs in the green technology and servicing sectors, promoting sustainable economic growth. The upskilling of technicians and enforcement officers ensures a highly competent workforce prepared to handle new technologies. By phasing out HCFCs, Malaysia will make a substantial contribution to reducing ozone depletion and curbing global warming. The shift to low-GWP alternatives will help reduce carbon emissions, supporting our Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

9. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to all stakeholders, including government agencies, industry partners, and international collaborators, for their continuous support and commitment to this critical endeavor. My deepest appreciation also goes to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the implementation of Institutional Strengthening, HPMP. Their support and guidance have been invaluable in

helping Malaysia achieve its ozone protection and climate change mitigation goals under the Montreal Protocol.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

10. In conjunction with this year's World Ozone Day celebration, we are excited to participate in the International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (IGEM). We are honored to be part of this prestigious event, which brings together leaders and innovators in green technology and sustainability.

11. I would like to warmly invite all of you to visit our booth at IGEM, where you can learn more about ozone layer protection, explore climate-friendly technologies, and understand Malaysia's efforts in phasing out ozone-depleting substances (ODS). This platform allows us to raise awareness and showcase the impactful work we are doing under the Montreal Protocol.

12. Lastly, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the organizers and secretariats for their dedication and efforts



in making this event a success. Together, let us work towards a future that safeguards the ozone layer and combating global warming to secure a sustainable environment for our future generations.

**Thank you.**