



Welcome Remarks

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**Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards 2024
(MCIEA 2024) – Press Conference**

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Assalamualaikum warhmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera and a very good morning to all of you here today.

1. On behalf of the Construction Industry Development Board or CIDB Malaysia, I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the Press Conference of the 2024 Malaysian Construction Industry Excellence Awards (MCIEA 2024).

2. The last time when many of you are gathered together to celebrate the winners of MCIEA, it was in 2019. In March 2020, construction activities had come to a screeching halt as the whole country goes under the Movement Control Order caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This year we revived MCIEA and invited participation from all projects which had been completed with a CCC issue from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2023.

3. The MCIEA organized by CIDB aims to recognize the construction industry players achievements at the organizational, project and also individual. The Winner evaluation, selection and final judging was administered through a rigorous and transparent judging process with multiple rounds of review by 40 assessors and presented to six judges specially appointed for their distinguished standing in the industry. Owing to the fact that the MCIEA has not been held for the last four years, this year, CIDB have allowed more than one winner and a special mention to be recognized in each category as deemed fit by the panel of jury and final decision by the judges.

4. MCIEA 2024 will showcase five prestigious award categories, which include:

- i. Prominent Player Award;
- ii. Builder of The Year Award (G7);
- iii. International Achievement Award;
- iv. The Best Project Award; and
- v. The Best Contractor Award

5. From these 5 award categories **14 awards** will be presented to **70 recipients**, along with **3 special mentions** to recognize exceptional achievements.

6. These awards celebrate the entire construction industry ecosystem, recognizing contributions from all levels, from ambitious individual entrepreneurs to large-scale enterprises that have redefined construction excellence. Each category celebrates a different aspect of the industry's diverse contributions, from executing groundbreaking projects to demonstrating high-quality standards, safety and environmental responsibility.

7. The MCIEA awards are not just about celebrating success: they represent the strength, spirit and relentless pursuit of excellence that defines our industry. Every project submitted, every innovation implemented, is a step towards a better-built Malaysia for future generations

8. To our winners, your achievements are a genuine inspiration for local players. We certainly encourage local players to lead the construction industry through their excellence in construction and raise the standards of the Malaysian construction industry to be highly-modern, productive and sustainable.

9. Allow me to also express my heartfelt thanks to our panel of jury and distinguished panel of judges. It's no exaggeration to all to say that they are the who's who of the construction industry, representing a wide stratum of stakeholders. Thank you for contributing your valuable time,

effort and wisdom to review all the submissions. Thank you for your input and contribution towards making MCIEA 2024 a great success!

10. On that note, let me say congratulations to all our award winners again! I am glad to see that they and many others have really stepped up over the years to lead the Malaysian industry by example through their excellence in construction, both domestically and internationally. We certainly encourage more industry players to emulate the winners we are celebrating today, to truly become stars of the Malaysian construction industry.

11. With that, I wish you a wonderful day ahead. I look forward to continue celebrating even greater successes of our industry champions as we continue to work closely with each and every one of you to transform the Malaysian construction industry.

12. Sekian. Terima kasih.

Wasalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.