Welcoming Speech

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President Municipal Council of Seberang Perai

The Light Hotel, Seberang Jaya, 23 November 2016

Honorable Prof. Dr Ramasamy S/O Palanisamy Deputy Chief Minister Of Penang 2

Honorable Mr Chow Kon Yeow

Penang State Executive Councillor For Local Government, Traffic Management And Flood Mitigation

Honorable Mr Phee Boon Poh

Penang State Executive Councillor For Welfare, Caring Society & Environment

Honorable Mr Law Heng Kiang

Penang State Executive Councillor For Tourism Development

Speakers

Ladies and Gentlemen. Assalamualaikum and very good evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all distinguished guests and speakers of Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Efforts 2016 (SPICEC 2016) to our Welcoming Dinner.

It is always a great pleasure to welcome important guests like you from overseas and Malaysia. This is the first ever international conference on ecotourism and conservation efforts organized by MPSP. As the President of Municipal Council of Seberang Perai, I am particularly glad that you come and join us in the Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Efforts 2016 (SPICEC 2016).

Distinguished guests, speakers, ladies and gentlemen, at tomorrow's conference, there will be 3 sessions which is Ecotourism in the Region, Promoting Conservation Efforts Through Ecotourism and Bird Watching. We will have site visit to North Seberang Perai & South Seberang Perai on 25/11/2016, the last day of this conference. I hope we will benefit from this conference and build a foundation on ecotourism and tourism promotions and attractions in Seberang Perai. Tourism is the main contributor and has a great potential in Penang economy. In Seberang Perai, we have mangrove swamps, recreational parks, rivers, firefly, and paddy fields to be

optimized it's tourism potential. For example in Lombok, Indonesia their paddy fields is one of the tourist attraction. We hope that this conference will introduce and promote, the ecotourism assets and potential in Seberang Perai. We have many hidden gems that to be discovered, promote and enjoy by the people. Seberang Perai has many potential sites to be explored and promote as an ecotourism sites

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our partners and supporting organizations for their efforts in making the Seberang Perai International Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Efforts 2016 (SPICEC 2016) happen. I hope you will make the most of your stay in Seberang Perai and take home with you warm memories of your visit.

Distinguished guests, speakers, ladies and gentlemen, tonight we will be entertained by Municipal Council of Seberang Perai Band, Boria and performance by True Light Primary Chinese School.

I wish SPICEC 2016 conference be successful. Thank you to all our distinguished guests and congratulation to the organizing committee for their hard work and effort to ensure Seberang Perai International

Conference on Ecotourism and Conservation Efforts 2016 (SPICEC 2016) successfull. To our international speakers and participants don't forget to enjoy Penang Foods and take sometime to visit interesting tourist spots in Seberang Perai and Penang Island.

Thank you.

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