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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum and very Good Morning,

I would like to thank the joint-organizer, Malaysia Green Building Confederation (MGBC) Northern Chapter, for inviting me to the **MGBC Northern Chapter Seminar 2017, "The Importance of OTTV"**. This seminar is indeed an appropriate part of the MGBC's mission to spread the Green Spirit to the society. This initiative by MPSP and MGBC is in line with the Penang State Government's strong advocacy in promoting green buildings and sustainable built environment in the state.

The building sector is the largest consumer of energy globally.

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Today, we come to learn about new building bylaws on energy efficiency that govern green buildings being introduced for the good of the environment. Green buildings area is one of the key ingredients in Penang's overall plan for Sustainable Development. The continued economic growth of the building sector must include the responsible act of promoting sustainability in the built environment and one of them is through proper development of green buildings.

Amendments to the Uniform Building By-laws or UBBL has come at the right time. Municipal Council of Seberang Perai understands that these amendments aim to bring about the raising of the standard of the design of buildings with respect to our hot and humid tropical climate.

Municipal Council of Seberang Perai is delighted with the progress of MGBC. This is also the reason why the Municipal Council of Seberang Perai has been working

closely with MGBC & Green Building Index (GBI), learning from each other and synergizing efforts in our respective green agendas. The Chief Minister, **YAB Tuan Lim Guan Eng** had, on numerous occasions, graced the events organized by MGBC in Penang. This October marks the 8th Anniversary of the Launch of GBI in Penang. I was told that by 15th May 2016, more than 187 million square feet of Gross Floor Area have been rated using GBI rating tools nationwide in Malaysia.

That is an exciting number! To achieve this within a short seven years of its formation is no small feat. Congratulations again to MGBC & GBI!

Given that the MGBC is created and formed in May 2007, administered and buildings accredited by a group of architects, engineers, academics and representatives from the building industry, to initiate a non-profit making organizations to promote sustainable buildings in Malaysia. As a member of World Green Building Council, Municipal Council of Seberang Perai and MGBC will continue its mission to collaborate and support the government and industry to develop a sustainable built environment.

It makes me proud of recognize that 10% of the buildings registered and certified by GBI are found in Penang which stated the 3rd largest number of Green Buildings in Malaysia after Kuala Lumpur and Selangor. In promoting and encouraging of Green Building development, Penang state is the only state in Malaysia that giving Green Insensitive by rebate of development charges for building certified GBI Gold and Platinum rating and giving incentive for extra plot ratio and density in our eco-city development.

We have GBI certified buildings on both Penang Island and mainland, and it ranges from terraced houses, condominiums, offices, industrial buildings and even the Penang Green Council office as the very first pilot Green Office project certified GBI Gold rating in Interior Tool. I was told also Penang had created many pioneer Green Projects too, such as Chowrasta Market is the first and only market building certified by GBI throughout the whole Malaysia as well as, Chelliah Park City, the very first affordable housing that will again certified under GBI. Besides that, as an initiative to promote Green Building in UNESCO Heritage City, we have **Hotel Penaga** certified GBI Gold rating well finished constructed in the year of 2012. And again recently, we had our MBPP Relau Sport Complex just obtained GBI Silver!

Nevertheless, we have our Batu Kawan Eco City to be the first city in Seberang Perai designing in line with Green Building concept. All residential and commercial buildings are compulsory to design in line with GBI requirements! This is a step ahead to other states in Malaysia by designing a greener living environment to the future community.

I am delighted that MGBC & GBI has kindly assisted us in understanding more about the amendments. GBI has developed 17 green building rating tools of international standard to suit different types of buildings in Malaysia, such as residential, offices, townships, malls, data centres, industrial buildings, resort buildings, building interiors and the most recent being a tool for hospitals. I am told that these tools are developed together with, and to address the needs of the stakeholders by the practising professionals in the building industry, namely the Architects, Engineers

and Quantity Surveyors who have volunteered their time and energy not only to create these tools, but also to take part in the certification of green buildings in a transparent process that is approved and acceptable to the public and the authorities.

What is impressive is that GBI is not driven by profit, but by a simple desire to spread the awareness of sustainability in the built environment through the efforts of its volunteers whose intent is sincere and genuine. And it is precisely because of this, that we know GBI is the appropriate organization to share their knowledge with us.

Municipal Council of Seberang Perai sees MGBC & GBI as an integral component of Malaysia's green building industry and that their intents are sincere and consistent with the Penang's Environmental Framework to promote sustainability. This is also the reason we proud to reiterate that Municipal Council of Seberang Perai will continue to work with MGBC & GBI and the tools it developed.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I thank my staffs and MGBC as well as GBI for putting in a huge effort in Penang. There is so much Municipal Council of Seberang Perai, MGBC and GBI can do together.

Finally, I would like to thank MGBC for organizing today's event. There is a lot to do, and I hope to see further collaborative effort amongst Municipal Council of Seberang Perai, MGBC and GBI.

Thank you.