



## **OPENING REMARKS**

**YB DATO' SRI HAJAH NANCY BINTI SHUKRI  
MINISTER OF WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**OFFICIATION & LAUNCHING OF  
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COLLECTION, BALLROOM  
PARKROYAL COLLECTION KUALA LUMPUR**

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**Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.**

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and a very good morning.**

1. It is with great honour and pleasure that I say *Selamat Datang*, welcome to Kuala Lumpur and to the 2025 ASEAN Women, Peace and Security Summit.
2. Allow me first to record our deepest appreciation to His Excellency Dato' Sri Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister for gracing this occasion. Your presence reflects the Government's united commitment to advancing this important agenda.

3. This time of year is particularly meaningful for Malaysia. From 31 August, our National Day, to 16 September, Malaysia Day, we reflect on the journey of independence and unity. Too often, history highlights the names of men. Yet, women too played vital roles; as home-guards, as protectors of families, as community leaders who sustained resilience in uncertain times. The independence we celebrate each year was built on their quiet courage and sacrifices.

4. The same is true across ASEAN. Every nation has its own story of women shaping independence and peace, often without recognition. This Summit is one way of ensuring those stories are honoured and carried into the future.

5. Here in Malaysia, the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development has long worked to embed the spirit of the WPS agenda into our national policies and programmes. From strengthening protection against gender-based violence, to supporting women as leaders in community resilience, to creating spaces for women's participation in decision-making, our efforts are aimed at ensuring that women are not only safeguarded in times of crisis, but also empowered as agents of peace and stability.

6. These initiatives; whether through social welfare, family development, or empowerment programmes; reflect Malaysia's conviction that security is strongest when it is inclusive.

### **Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

7. Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025 carries the theme *"Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable ASEAN Community."*

Inclusivity and sustainability are not abstract ideals; they are the foundation for resilience. And in this regard, the Women, Peace and Security agenda is central. There can be no sustainability without peace, and no peace without women's full participation.

8. This Summit offers us more than discussion. It is a platform to listen to one another, to share practical lessons, and to build the solidarity we need to move forward as a region.



9. So once again, on behalf of the Ministry, I warmly welcome all who are present here today, to this Summit. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Prime Minister of Malaysia for his leadership in this WPS agenda, the Deputy Prime Minister who is present today in gracing this occasion. I extend my deepest appreciation to the ASEAN Secretariat, our ASEAN partners – Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK, UN Women, colleagues, and collaborators for making this event possible.

10. On that note, let us work together to ensure that peace in our region is not only inclusive but sustainable, not only resilient but meaningful in the lives of our people.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Wal Hidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**

Thank you. Terima kasih.

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