

PENDAHULUAN

1. Alhamdulillah syukur ke hadrat Allah S.W.T kerana dengan limpah kurnianya kita semua dapat sama-sama hadir dalam program penuh manfaat pada hari ini.
2. My sincere appreciation to Her Excellency Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri for the honour of closing this pivotal 2025 ASEAN Women, Peace and Security Summit—an event that is a true testament to the Ministry's profound commitment to empowering women.
3. This Summit holds personal meaning for me. I know first-hand that the agenda of women's empowerment and protection shapes the strength of families, the safety of communities, and the resilience of nations. Today, we gather with a shared purpose: to build a more peaceful and secure world. To stand here and see how far we have advanced gives me both pride and hope.
4. When we speak of women's roles in peace and security, we are not speaking of a new idea. We are simply acknowledging a timeless truth.

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP: SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

5. We must acknowledge the ecosystem that allows women to bring their skills to the public stage. A woman's ability to contribute to national security is often directly linked to the security and support she has in her own home.

6. This is where the principles of shared responsibility and mutual understanding become critical pillars of peace-building. When spouses are true partners, sharing the burdens and joys of raising children and managing a household, they unlock a powerful potential. This partnership is not a private arrangement; it is a public good. It creates the space for a woman to lend her talents to the wider community without the weight of a "double burden."

7. A husband who supports his wife's ambition to mediate a community dispute is building peace. A society that provides affordable childcare is investing in its own security. By fostering an environment of mutual respect and shared duties at home, we are cultivating the next generation of leaders who can build a more just and equitable world.

THE SUMMIT AND THE SIGNIFICANCES

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

8. Over the last two days, we have had conversations that were rich in knowledge and honest in reflection. We heard examples from across our region where women have been central in holding communities together and in driving peace forward, often in circumstances where choices were difficult and resources scarce.

9. What these experiences tell us is that the Women, Peace and Security agenda is not limited to discussions of conflict alone. It is about dignity, safety, and human resilience. It also applies to the challenges we face in peace time; disaster recovery, public health crises, and the mounting risks of climate change.

10. For Malaysia, the Summit has not just been an opportunity to share, but also to learn. The launch of our National Action Plan on WPS signals a serious commitment, but we know that plans by themselves are not enough. Implementation requires partnerships, accountability, monitoring and the active involvement of stakeholders at all levels, across ministries and agencies. I truly believe that we are not working on this alone.

11. Ladies and gentlemen, as we discuss our aspirations for a secure future, we cannot turn away from the stark reality faced by families at this very moment. Our work feels hollow if we do not confront the profound human suffering in Gaza.

12. There, the very foundations of a society are being systematically destroyed. We are witnessing scholasticide, the targeted destruction of schools and universities, robbing an entire generation of their right to an education and a future. Hospitals, which should be sanctuaries of healing, have become targets of devastation. Hunger is not a tragic byproduct of conflict; it is being used as a weapon.

13. This is not the world we want for any child, in any nation. Let us be clear: our support for the people of Palestine must be unwavering. We must demand an end to these atrocities and commit to building a world where Palestinian children can also know peace and security.

CLOSING

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

14. As this Summit draws to a close, let us carry forward the ASEAN spirit of collaboration that has defined these two days.

15. What we take with us is not only a list of recommendations, but also a clear commitment. A commitment to open more opportunities for women in decision-making, to prepare the next generation of young women with the skills and confidence to lead, and to ensure that ASEAN's understanding of security reflects the needs of all; women, families, and communities alike.

16. I also want to sincerely thank all of you for the time, ideas, and commitment you have shared over the past two days. My appreciation goes to our ASEAN Partners and the ASEAN Secretariat for making this Summit a reality. And before you head home, I hope you will also take a little time to enjoy Malaysia's hospitality; our food, and our culture.

On that note, thank you. Terima kasih.

Wabillahi taufiq walhidayah, wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.