

**SPEECH BY**  
**YAB PREMIER OR SARAWAK**  
*IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE*  
**GROUNDBREAKING OF ROSMARI-**  
**MARJORAM ONSHORE GAS PLANT**  
**TANJUNG KIDURONG**  
**BINTULU**

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**@ 10.30 AM**

Salam sejahtera dan salam Ibu Pertiwiku.

## **[SALUTATION]**

- **Yang Berusaha Puan Siti Sulaiman,**  
Shell Malaysia Country Chair Senior Vice  
President Upstream
- Yang Berhormat Cabinet Ministers and  
Deputy Ministers,
- **Yang Berusaha Puan Hasliza Othman,**  
Petronas Vice President, Malaysia Assets

- Tuan-Tuan dan Puan-Puan yang saya hormati,

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Bersyukur kita ke hadrat Allah SWT kerana dengan izin, limpah dan kurnianya maka kita dapat berkumpul di Tanjung Kidurong pada pagi ini untuk sama-sama menghadiri majlis yang begitu penting kepada usaha untuk memantapkan ekonomi Sarawak.

## **THANKING SHELL**

2. I would like to thank **Sarawak Shell Berhad** and **Puan Siti Sulaiman**, Shell Malaysia Country Chair & Senior Vice President Upstream Malaysia for inviting me to officiate at the groundbreaking of **Rosmari-Marjoram Bintulu Onshore Gas Plant**.

3. Shell has been an integral part of Malaysia's Oil & Gas industry for over 130 years, marking its historical significance with the production of Malaysia's first barrel of oil at Canada Hill in Miri back in 1910. Thank you to Shell for its role the pioneers in building Sarawak and Malaysia's oil and gas industry.

## **MEETING WITH SHEEL IN LONDON**

4. Last month, I met top officials of Shell at its headquarters in London and we had the opportunity to share views with each other on the development of the O & G industry in Sarawak, especially in light of the global movement towards addressing climate change.

5. I told Shell of Sarawak's stance on decarbonization and our commitment towards a green economy and the net-zero target by 2050 leveraging on new technologies such as CCS.

## **SARAWAK REMAIN ATTRACTIVE TO OIL & GAS INVESTMENTS**

6. I am happy to note that after more than a century, Sarawak's oil & gas industry continues to thrive, and we remain to be attractive to investors like Shell. Your new Shell Malaysia Upstream Headquarters at Miri Times Square, which I hope to open soon is another testament of the great confidence and relationship you have with the Government of Sarawak.

7. However, Sarawak's political stability and sound policies cannot be discounted as the plus factor for investors like Shell to come to Sarawak to grow their business. If Shell makes money Sarawak will also make money because we charge SST. For the record since 2019, Sarawak's income through SST amounts to RM13 billion instead of the mere 5% royalty that we used to receive for our O & G.

8. I believe that Sarawak's continental shelf subsea still has huge reserves of gas despite early prediction in early the 1990s that Sarawak's gas could only last for another 20 years. More than 30 years on, more and more oil and gas fields are discovered offshore

Sarawak, the latest being the 6 fields in five blocks – SK306, SK411, SK313, SK301B and SK315.

## **BINTULU AS SOUR GAS HUB**

9. Oil & gas constitute one of the essential pillars of Sarawak's vision to attain a developed state status by 2030. The development of the new **SISGES sour gas hub**, a multi-billion-dollar cornerstone investment within **SEDC's Petrochemical Industrial Park (PIP)** in Tanjung Kidurong, aligns well with Sarawak's ambitions.



10. Sour gas used to be considered not profitable to develop as the process were expensive but new technology has reduced cost considerably. Today, I am honoured to inaugurate the start of Phase 1 of the SISGES sour gas hub, by breaking ground for the Rosmari-Marjoram Bintulu Onshore Gas Plant here in Tanjung Kidurong.

11. I am happy to know that Shell brings to the table a wealth of technical know-how and best practices in sour gas production and processing, derived from decades of operating experience in various parts of the world such as Canada and the Middle East. Through Rosmari-Marjoram Project, Shell will develop

local expertise in the safe production and processing of sour gas.

Ladies and gentlemen,

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

12. As Sarawak continues its journey towards sustainable development, green energy occupies a pivotal role in the state's economy, not just through 2030 but beyond. I'm delighted to note that Rosmari-Marjoram platform will rely on solar power and the

onshore gas plant will draw its energy from SEB's grid, ensuring a 100% reliance on clean hydroelectric power certified through renewable energy certificates (RECs). The growing demand for renewable power, exemplified by Shell's Rosmari-Marjoram project, promises to catalyze growth within Sarawak's renewable energy sector.

13. The Sarawak government has consistently emphasized that economic development must never come at the expense of our environment. It is heartening to learn about Shell's partnership with UNIMAS in biodiversity research and I applaud Shell's

unwavering commitment to environment protection.

14. I urge other companies to follow Shell's commendable lead in this critical area. Further, I would also like to applaud Shell for your collaborative efforts with Sarawak Forestry Cooperation, taking into account that your Rosmari and Majoram offshore operations will be within an area that has been declared as a Marine National Park. Your respect for nature and marine biodiversity is an exemplary behavior.

15. The strategic significance of Rosmari-Marjoram for Sarawak is evident and the

Government of Sarawak is wholeheartedly committed to work collaboratively with Shell and PETRONAS to ensure the success of Rosmari-Marjoram and SISGES sour gas hub initiatives. I also look forward to more collaborations between Shell and PETROS, our state oil and gas entity.

16. Beside O & G, Sarawak is also keen on CCUS space where three reservoirs have been identified. Planning is on the card to facilitate the development of these three reservoirs offshore Sarawak that should position us at the forefront of CCUS in the region when they come into operation before the end of the decade.

Ladies and gentlemen,

## **CLOSING**

17. Last Monday I was at the BAGSF2 facility and the almost-completed Sarawak's wholly-owned Methanol Plant. The methanol project is a testament of our commitment to develop the downstream of the O & G.

18. The success of this first methanol plant might usher in the construction of a second plant to produce blue ammonia that has

considerable market in Europe and the Far East.

19. I am confident that by developing the downstream of our O & G more aggressively will enhance Sarawak's economy as well as creating more high-paying jobs for young Sarawakians.

20. With that hope, I am happy to officiate at this ground breaking of Shell's Rosmari-Majoram Onshore Gas Plant here in Tanjung Kidurong.

Thank you.

