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**MESSAGE FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER OF SARAWAK
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It is my pleasure to welcome all delegates and participants to the brand new Borneo Convention Centre for the **International Energy Week 09**. This event is timely as it will complement the development of the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (Score).

The International energy Week will consist of 2 international expos - the PetroleumAsia Expo and the ElectroPowerAsia Expo, Conference, CEOs Summit, Technology Symposiums and post event tours. It will be one of the largest international gatherings to mark the opening of the Borneo Convention Centre and will put Kuching in the international map as one of the premier venues for conventions and exhibitions.

Sarawak has tremendous potential in the energy sector. We have one of the largest gas reserves in the world and at the same time, significant capacity for hydropower. The State Government is committed to ensuring that our resources will contribute to the betterment of our people and nation. the staging of the Energy Week will play a key role in making Kuching into a regional business hub for the energy sector. In addition, by bringing in industry experts, academicians and technology suppliers, Sarawak can become a Centre of Excellence where training, research and development can flourish.

As such, the Sarawak Government is pleased to welcome the hosting of his event in Kuching and congratulate the initiatives taken by AMB Exhibitions Sdn. Bhd. in organizing the International Energy Week.

I look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you all to Sarawak - *'More Than A Paradise!'*

[PEHIN SRI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD]

Chief Minister of Sarawak