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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRAINING AND PRODUCTIVITY DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY AND MANPOWER AND TRANSMISSION
IN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NINTH ASEAN SKILLS COMPETITION

Hotel Crowne Plaza Jakarta, 1st December 2011

Honorable Excellency Mr. Muhaimin Iskandar, Minister of Manpower and Transmigration of The Republic of Indonesia;
Honorable Ambassador or Representative of ASEAN Countries in Indonesia;
Distinguished Head of Delegates ASEAN Countries;
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning and warm greetings to all of you

First of all, let us praise Lord for His abundant grace and mercy that we all may attend this First Organizing Committee Meeting (OCM).

I welcome all of my fellow friends from ASEAN countries to Jakarta who come in the purpose of sharing ideas, thoughts and experience in this Organizing Committee Meeting from this morning until tomorrow.

Recalling on the result of Organizing Committee Meeting (OCM) III on the 23rd November 2010 of the Eighth ASEAN Skills Competition in Bangkok, Indonesia is unanimously agreed as the host for the 9th ASEAN Skills Competition which is scheduled to be held in the year 2012.

Concerning the implementation of the ASC, 1st OCM ASC IX is an obligated step towards a strategic beginning for the preparation of the 9th ASEAN Skills Competition. We believe through an undivided and shared sense of unity and valor of the ASEAN as a holistic entity the entire participant of the 1st OCM of The 9th ASC delegates, will discuss and reach a unanimous agreement upon
rules, procedures, orientation and competed majors which shall be competed. 1st OCM of the 9th of ASEAN Skills Competition will be used as the reference for the implementation of the ninth ASC. Under the guidance and support of Mr. Muhaimin Iskandar, Minister of Manpower and Transmigration of Republic of Indonesia, we hope to be of host that we can in the coming 9th ASEAN Skills Competition 2012.

Excellency Minister and distinguished delegates,

Organizing Committee Meeting is the basic fundamental prevalence steps in preparing the 9th ASEAN Skills Competition 2012. In this meeting we will discuss the basic principles of ASEAN Skills Competition by referring to the provisions found in the Rules and Guidelines of ASEAN Skill Competition. Rules and Guidelines which will be used points back to the Rules and Guidelines used in World Skills Competition, as well as Matery Test Project (MTP).

First Organizing Committee will also confirmed the quantity and names of competed majors in the ASC, as well as determining the division of job description for Jury Chairperson, Chief Expert and Deputy Chief Experts among the participating ASEAN countries in respect to the competed majors.

Today’s meeting is scheduled to proceed from this morning right after the Opening Session, until evening. Later at night, we will join the welcome dinner with traditional dance and live music for entertainment. The next meeting will be continued tomorrow morning until noon. After the meeting is adjourned we will visit the competition site in Jakarta Convention Centre as well as a little sightseeing in Bogor.

This morning several delegates from Brunei, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia have arrived with the total of delegates numbering in 30 peoples. On the other hand, representative from Myanmar and Cambodia could not send their delegates to Jakarta, however we
hope representative from their Embassy in Jakarta shall substitute for them in this committee.

Excellency Minister and Honorable Delegates,

Allow me now to introduce each of Head of Delegates from each country. May I request the name mentioned to stand up. I will start from:

1. Head of Delegates of Brunei Darussalam, Mr. Md. Sharufuddin Hj Md Salleh,
2. Head of Delegates of Indonesia Mr. Abdul Wahab Bangkona,
3. Head of Delegates of Laos, Mr. Khornsy MAHAVONG,
4. Head of Delegates of Malaysia, Dr. Ghalip Spahat,
5. Head of Delegates of Philippine, Mr. Teodoro C. Pascua,
6. Head of Delegates of Singapore Mr. Lim See Yew,
7. Head of Delegates of Thailand Mrs. Roonoaran Kurapoka,
8. Head of Delegates of Vietnam Prof. Dr. Duong Duc Lan,

Thank you for your cooperation.

To end my remarks please allow me to apologize for any inadequacies and faults found in the process of the 1st OCM of The 9th ASEAN Skills Competition. I also would like to thank for contribution and support from all colleagues and parties to make this meeting occurred. We do hope that all the efforts by the delegates will bring advantages and contribution towards the preparation of the 9th ASEAN Skills Competition.

Next, may I request the Excellency Minister to deliver opening speech as well as to officially opened this First Organizing Committee of the 9th ASEAN Skills Competition.

We wish you all the best and have a fruitful discussion during the meeting as well as to have a pleasant stays in Jakarta.
GOD Bless all of us.

Thank you.

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