

DEPUTY MENHAN CLOSING REMARKS
LANGKAWI MARITIME CONFERENCE 2023 IN CONJUNCTION WITH LIMA`23

مَسْبِدُ اللَّهِ نَمَحْرَلَا مِيحْرَلَا

Vice Admiral Datuk Sabri bin Zali, Deputy Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy;
Distinguished guests, conference participants, ladies and gentlemen.

مَلاَسِلا مَكِيلِء تَمَحْرُو اللّهُ مَتَاكْرَبُو

and good afternoon.

1. Let me start by thanking the Royal Malaysian Navy for hosting this edition of the Langkawi Maritime Conference. It has indeed been a successful conference with excellent contributions from renowned speakers. More importantly, in line with Malaysia's Defence White paper, today's conference has significantly contributed to enriching the idea of Malaysia as a maritime nation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. Malaysia adopted the United Nation's SDG 2030 for Sustainable Development during the UN General Assembly in New York in 2015. It is a global commitment towards more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive development, with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set. In view of that, today we continue to emphasize how Malaysia is able to achieve SDG number 14, which focuses on **conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas, and marine resources** for sustainable development. In this regard, the **Blue Economy** and the **Sustenance of Ocean Governance** are the two primary initiatives that aim to support Malaysia's SDG 2030 goals.

3. Both initiatives embodied the importance for maritime-related agencies to continue building awareness, and develop a common interest and our strategic way of thinking on how to preserve and sustain oceans, seas, and marine resources. This requires continuous effort and commitment at the national and international levels respectively.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. The Blue Economy and Sustainable Ocean Governance fundamentally set Malaysia to continue enhancing inter-agency cooperation toward more integrated and consolidated actions. Looking ahead, I encourage us to use our shared understanding to advance the mechanism by delivering our commitments, forging new alliances, and transforming our policies to achieve the SDGs.

5. At the international level, Malaysia is committed to working closely with partners and related maritime agencies, so that together we can achieve mutual benefits in enriching our Blue Economy and the Sustenance of Ocean Governance respectively.

6. The Malaysian authority, especially the Royal Malaysian Navy, has always been regarded as Malaysia's leading institution in ensuring the peace and stability of our seas. The deployment of the Royal Malaysian Navy's assets 24/7 has certainly contributed to materializing Malaysia's Blue Economy and the Sustenance of Ocean Governance peacefully. In this respect, we will continue to enhance our maritime capability and capacity and commit to the continuity of maritime operations for the Royal Malaysian Navy to support the outcome and aspirations of today's discourse.

8. I trust that the Langkawi Maritime Conference will be a catalyst for future inter-agency cooperation and consolidated initiatives toward the sustainable development of the maritime sector.

9. On that note, I thank all of you for your active participation and attendance. I wish you all a pleasant stay in Langkawi and hope you have a wonderful time at LIMA 2023.

10. Thank you