

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM ISLAMIC INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2013 (BIIS 2013)

**Welcoming Remarks by YM Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Rosli bin Haji Sabtu,
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Brunei Darussalam Islamic investment Summit 2013,
at Empire Hotel and Country Club, Jerudong - Tuesday, 18 June 2013**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

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Alhamdulillah Rabbil 'Aalameen, Wassalaatu Wassalaamu 'Alaa Asyrafil Ambiya
E'Walmursaleen, Sayyidinaa Muhammadin, Wa'ala Aalihee Wasahbihee
Ajma'een, Waba'du.

Mengadap Kehadapan Majlis Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda
Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah Ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha
Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah,
Menteri Kanan di Jabatan Perdana Menteri.

Beribu Ampun,

Terlebih dahulu, hamba Duli Tuanku dengan penuh hormat dan takzim, sukacita
menyembahkan ucapan setinggi-tinggi menjunjung kasih, di atas keberangkatan
Duli Tuanku ke Majlis ini, dan seterusnya mengurniakan sabda perasmian Brunei
Darussalam Islamic Investment Summit 2013.

Sebelum meneruskan sembah ucapan, hamba Duli Tuanku dengan penuh hormat dan takzim, menjunjung sabda perkenan Duli Tuanku bagi hamba Duli Tuanku menyampaikan sembah ucapan ini seterusnya, di dalam bahasa Inggeris.

1. As Chairman of the organising committee, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the distinguished scholars, experts and participants that are here to attend this Summit. Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam is privileged and honoured to host this Summit, organised by Centre for Islamic Banking, Finance and Management (CIBFM) in collaboration with The Centre for Research and Training (CERT), Malaysia. This major international event on Islamic Finance, marks the first of a series of Brunei Islamic Investment Summit to be hosted, and supported by Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam.

2. The main objective of this summit, is to provide a platform for participants, to share knowledge and experiences, as well as exchange views on current issues pertaining to Islamic Finance, with special focus on investment opportunities in the Asian region. To this end, we are privileged to have with us, an eminent panel of scholars and experts, from Brunei Darussalam, as well as from abroad to lead

and facilitate discussions, on the various facets of the subject matter. We are especially grateful to have with us for this summit, His Excellency Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali Al Madani, President of Islamic Development Bank; His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Bahrin bin Abdullah, Deputy Minister of Finance Brunei Darussalam, and Her Excellency Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia as keynote speakers for today and tomorrow.

3. The principles of Islamic finance, have been in existence, since the revelation of the Holy Quran. However, in terms of the global financial system, Islamic finance was only actively advocated since the 1970s, through principles of Islamic Banking, which are based on the prohibition of *riba*, *gharar*, *maysir* as well as business transactions which contravenes with *Syariah* principles.

4. Over the years, we have witnessed the rapid expansion and growing acceptance of Islamic Finance, not only in the Financial markets of Islamic countries, but also globally. Naturally, the evolution of Islamic finance stands to benefit, from an enhanced universal appeal, with a wider consumer and business segment, greater financial inclusion and harmonisation through increased research and development, and more effective dissemination of information.

Therefore, the theme of this summit “Tapping and Expanding the Global Investment Opportunity in Asia’s Market” is specifically chosen, to further leverage on this growth and dynamism of Islamic finance.

5. Over the next 2 days, speakers, panelists and participants will have the opportunity to deliberate on key issues related to Islamic funds, wealth management, regulatory and governance for Islamic Finance, global sukuk as well as prospects and challenges moving forward. As these issues are very relevant and important to us, we hope to learn much from this summit, in particular to help realise our effort to further develop our Islamic finance industry. On the same note, it is my sincere hope that participants will also take home invaluable knowledge gained from the interaction and networking during this summit.

6. At this juncture, I would like to record my sincere appreciation to the Centre for Islamic Banking, Finance and Management, Centre for Research and Training as well as the organizing committee for their hardwork and dedication. I am also grateful to the various programme partners and relevant agencies, for their kind support to this event. Last but not least, my special thanks goes to the

invited speakers and panelists, who have made time in their busy schedules, to join us in this summit. Jazaka Allahu Khayr.

Beribu ampun

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Wabillahittaufig Walhidayah

Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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