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### **3<sup>RD</sup> CONFERENCE OF ASEAN ROAD SAFETY 2021 (CARS 2021)**

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**KAJANG, 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021** – The Minister of Transport Malaysia, YB Datuk Seri Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong has virtually launched the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of ASEAN Road Safety 2021 (CARS 2021) on 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of this conference since it was first held in 2015.

Themed “Technology and Innovation in Road Safety”, this two-day conference provided a launch pad to establish a regional network of road safety experts to bring innovation in road safety to a higher level. In this regard, CARS 2021 is a manifestation of how technological advances transform our ways of solving problems and broaden its outreach.

This conference has gathered more than 250 experts consisting of policy makers, scientists, researchers, practitioners, law enforcers, academicians, and a wide range of public and private organizations from all over the region, with an interest in the future of road safety. Other than participation from Malaysia, this conference also received encouraging participation from Thailand, Indonesia and Myanmar among others.

CARS 2021 is structured around several thematically focused sessions during which regional and international scholars and industry players present their work and research findings. The conference incorporates plenary sessions focusing on timely topics of innovation and technologies in road safety. A total of 72 research papers were submitted and discussed in detail over the course of two days. CARS 2021 comprised four parallel sessions during the second day of conference. Among the topics covered in these parallel sessions were pre- & post-crash management, road safety engineering, vehicle safety, road user behavior, innovation for road safety, Intelligent Transport System (ITS), and mass transport & safe mobility.

“I believe that intellectual discussions such as CARS 2021 can assist the Ministry and other road safety players in formulating sustainable transport policies towards a smarter transport industry and reduce road traffic injuries,” says YB Datuk Seri Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong.

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2021 – 2030 as another decade of action for road safety with the target of achieving at least 50 percent reduction in road deaths and

serious injuries. Therefore, the exchange of ideas through CARS 2021 is expected to promote collaboration and ensure commitment not only locally in Malaysia but also from all ASEAN member countries towards the goal of reducing the rate of road crashes in order to improve road safety.

A copy of the program and abstract book the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of ASEAN Road Safety 2021 can be obtained online (link: <https://bit.ly/cars2021programmebook>) while further info regarding the conference can be found on the website (link: <http://cars-asean.miros.gov.my>).

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