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On behalf of the State Government of Sarawak, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all the local and foreign players to our very first **ITF Women's Circuit (USD10,000) Professional Event** to be held in Kuching from 4 - 8 November 2009.

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate **Sarawak Lawn Tennis Association (SLTA)** for their untiring effort to organize and promote international world junior events in Kuching, Sarawak since year 2001. This year SLTA again take a bold decision to bring in ITF Women's Circuit (USD10,000) Professional Event to Sarawak. It is indeed a great achievement for SLTA to be offered this tournament - SYABAS to SLTA. My association with tennis is almost 10 years now and I am happy to be linked with the Association that brings honor to our country.

SLTA's role is to foster social integration and educational awareness through tennis. When the players train together in a group with common objective to win the competition, trying to understand each other, sharing nerves, intensity, tactics and techniques, it was indeed an incredible experience. Being an important part of the achievement to put Sarawak into the world map is indeed beyond your imagination and expectation which is a noble and admirable feat. Keep up the good work.

I must congratulate SLTA under the able leadership of Mr Patrick C J Liew for a job well done. The year 2009 was an eventful year starting from ATF 14 & Under Asian Championship 2009 (Group 2) and ITF World Junior Championship and with ITF Women's Circuit (USD10,000) Professional Event pushing the tennis fraternity into a high note.

Once again, I would like to give my assurance that the Sarawak Government will continue to render its support in term of improving the facilities to ensure that we will have world class facilities to cater for bigger and professional events in future.

Lastly, all the best to all of you and hope that you will have an enjoyable and memorable stay in Kuching, Sarawak.

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