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**WORKING VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA
YAB DATO' SERI ANWAR IBRAHIM
TO THE 30TH ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC)
ECONOMIC LEADERS' MEETING (AELM) AND
34TH APEC MINISTERIAL MEETING (AMM)**

**14-17 NOVEMBER 2023
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES**

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, will lead Malaysia's delegation to the 30th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) in San Francisco, California, United States (US), from 14 to 17 November 2023.

YAB Prime Minister will be accompanied by YABhg. Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Wan Ismail; Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz; Minister of Foreign Affairs, YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir; Minister of Communications and Digital, YB Ahmad Fahmi Mohamed Fadzil; as well as other senior government officials.

As the APEC Chair for 2023, the US will be hosting the AELM for the third time, after 1993 and 2011 in Blake Island and Honolulu, respectively. This year, President Joseph R. Biden will Chair the AELM and is expected to lead in-depth discussions with APEC Leaders on topics centred around strengthening economic ties; enhancing inclusivity and sustainability; and bolstering economic resilience and complexity; in line with the theme of APEC 2023, "Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All".

The 30th AELM is expected to adopt the APEC Leaders' 2023 Golden Gate Declaration, and advance efforts reflecting APEC Economies' commitment to address global challenges towards realising the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040. The adoption of the Golden Gate Declaration is imperative as it underscores the unity and cooperation among APEC Economies, particularly in light of ongoing concerns relating to, among others, the climate crisis and disruption of supply chains.

While in San Francisco, YAB Prime Minister will also participate in the APEC Economic Leaders' Informal Dialogue with Guests, namely with the leaders of Colombia, Fiji and India; the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Dialogue with APEC Economic Leaders; and the APEC 2023 CEO Summit. These events will serve as an opportunity for YAB Prime Minister to articulate Malaysia's perspectives on the current global economy and exchange views on pressing regional issues with influential CEOs, entrepreneurs and esteemed APEC Leaders. YAB Prime Minister will also participate in the Second Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Leaders' meeting.

Capitalising on Malaysia's presence in San Francisco, YAB Prime Minister is scheduled to have one-on-one meetings with prominent American business leaders, on the sidelines of the AELM. These meetings will be aimed at finalising high-value investments which would create high-quality job opportunities in Malaysia, in line with the Government's priorities as outlined in the MADANI Economic Framework and National Industrial Master Plan 2030 (NIMP 2030). YAB Prime Minister is also scheduled to have bilateral meetings with several Leaders of APEC Economies to explore means to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in various areas for mutual benefits.

Furthermore, YAB Prime Minister is expected to witness the exchange of an agreement between BlackBerry and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) on cybersecurity cooperation.

One of the highlights of the visit is YAB Prime Minister's delivery of a public lecture to students and scholars at the University of California, Berkeley, focusing on "Superpower Rivalry and Rising Tensions in the Asia-Pacific – The View from Southeast Asia". In giving an overview of the geopolitical situation, YAB Prime Minister will also touch on

democracy, constitutional liberties, and Islamophobia. Before returning to Malaysia, YAB Prime Minister will meet with Malaysian diaspora and students in San Francisco in a dinner event.

As a founding Economy of APEC, Malaysia's active engagement during the 30th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting underscores its commitment towards deepening economic cooperation, enhancing economic prosperity, and fostering equitable and inclusive development for all. Throughout YAB Prime Minister's engagement with APEC Economic Leaders and at the various multilateral and bilateral platforms, he aims to highlight the Palestinian situation, to advocate global support, humanitarian access, and a just resolution to the conflict. YAB PM will also take the opportunity to share Malaysia's priorities and principles under the MADANI Economy Framework, emphasising inclusivity, sustainable development, and cooperation for shared prosperity.

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