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1. In a world marked by complexities and fraught with increasing instability, uncertainties and unpredictability, Chinese entrepreneurs globally can assume a bigger role in safeguarding regional economic cooperation, ensuring the security of crucial supply chains and promote our global socio-economic development agenda.
2. From Southeast Asia to East Asia, the United States, Canada, Europe and Africa, Chinese entrepreneurs have collaborated closely with others and have laid the foundations for forging deeper and stronger business and economic links across national borders.
3. In Malaysia, the government has always recognised the contribution of the Malaysian Chinese community in the country's socioeconomic developments, in economic, cultural, educational and industrial sectors.
4. Under the MADANI Economy Framework, I can assure you that we will continue to prioritise the enhancement of our economic landscape, fostering an environment conducive to investment and innovation.
5. Malaysia and China have enjoyed longstanding bilateral relations underpinned by robust trade and investment relations. In 2023, China remained Malaysia's largest trading partner for 15 consecutive years, with total trade reaching USD98.80 billion.
6. The visit of Chinese Premier Li Qiang in June this year reaffirmed the enduring friendship and mutual respect between Malaysia and China. Together, we have witnessed the signing of the Second cycle of the Five-Year Programme for Economic and Trade Cooperation and the Memorandum of Understanding on Strengthening Investment Cooperation in Digital Economy and Green Development, between The

Government of Malaysia and The Government of the People's Republic of China.

7. We have laid a solid foundation for enhanced collaboration in new key and innovative sectors that will drive our economies forward.