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MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019 Accelerating Progress On The SDGs Whole Of Nation Approach

The inaugural Malaysia SDG Summit 2019 was officiated by YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) to reflect Malaysia's strong commitment towards the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and its 17 goals. The two-day Summit from 6 to 7 November witnessed more than 2,000 participants during the opening ceremony with an address by YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs and a welcoming address by Mr. Stefan Priesner, the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam. This symbolized the earnest collaboration between the Government and United Nations Country Team in Malaysia, supported by multi-stakeholders.

The Malaysia SDG Summit 2019 aims to review SDG progress in the country and share best practices, provides a multi-stakeholder platform to identify strategies towards addressing key bottleneck issues as well as deepens, horizontal and vertical policy coherence vis-à-vis the 2030 Agenda whilst setting in motion a whole of nation approach involving all parts of Government. It consists of **5 plenary sessions**: Strategies to Leave No One Behind; Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies: The Role of Institutional Reforms; Establishing A Whole of Nation Approach Towards Achieving the SDGs; Balancing Economic Growth with Environmental Sustainability; and Unlocking Women's Full Potential. The Summit also addresses several key issues through **6 parallel sessions**: State & Local Government SDG Forum; Business Leaders SDG Forum; SDG Academy Network Forum; Civil Society SDG Forum; Youth SDG Forum; and Children's SDG Forum.

Since the formal adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015, several actions have been taken to localise and integrate the SDGs within the national context. The Government has been working on strengthening the framework for policy, institutional setup, financing, monitoring and assessment, as well as training and advocacy.

The Mid-Term Review of the Eleventh Malaysia Plan, which was launched in October last year reflects the new policy priorities of the Government, with all the 17 SDGs fully aligned to the its six policy pillars. Apart from the implementation of SDGs through the existing national development plan, the Ministry has also formulated the National SDG Roadmap, which aims to guide the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The first phase of the National SDG Roadmap, which covers the period of 2016 to 2020, coincides with the Eleventh Malaysia Plan, and is a reference point of Malaysia's commitment to the SDGs with specific actions to achieve them.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam also echoed that Malaysia has done a lot in its development path, building on a track record to reduce poverty and foster improved access to public services. It is acknowledged that the SDGs cannot be achieved by Government alone. The engagement and contribution of all segments of society are required. This Summit provides the opportunity to piece all important stakeholders together – to collectively think through ideas and solutions that will help Malaysia achieve the SDGs - and this is so aptly aligned with the theme of this SDG Summit - to bring together a 'whole of nation approach' to accelerate progress.

As the Ministry is formulating the Twelfth Malaysia Plan, 2021-2025, the nation stands guided by the long-term vision of achieving a fully developed country status, to be achieved within the next decade, while ensuring equitable and fair distribution of the country's prosperity as well as enhancing environmental sustainability as it strives towards enhancing the living standards of all Malaysians.

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