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ASIA-EUROPE MEETING (ASEM) DAY

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Today, 1 March 2018, marks the 22nd Anniversary of the ASEM process. Malaysia stands together with the other member countries and two regional organisations in celebrating the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Day.

Since the First ASEM Summit in Bangkok, Thailand in 1996, ASEM has continued to achieve important milestones throughout its 22 years of existence. ASEM has not only forged closer cooperation and enhance understanding between Asia and Europe, but also provided its members with the platform to engage in dialogues and discussions on political, economic and international issues based on the principles of equal partnership, mutual respect and shared benefits among its diverse members.

Malaysia has actively participated and contributed to ASEM's activities, and will continue to do so as we seek to build a shared vision and future for our two continents. At the recent 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Malaysia stressed that in an ever inter-connected world, the partnership between the two regions is essential in addressing global challenges as well as achieving sustainable growth and development. As a founding member, Malaysia also values the ASEM process as a way forward to bridge different cultures and social norms.

Malaysia believes that the upcoming 12th ASEM Summit in Brussels, Belgium will be an even more important platform for leaders from both regions to deliberate and address important global challenges as well as create mutually beneficial linkages through multilateralism. Malaysia will continue to support the ASEM process, and reiterate its commitment to working closely with all Member Partners in advancing Asia-Europe relations to greater heights.

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