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### **Working Visit of the Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry to Kazakhstan, 10-13 July 2017**

The Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Honourable Datuk Haji Ahmad Maslan, will undertake a working visit to Kazakhstan from 10 to 13 July 2017. He will be representing MITI in the Malaysia Day Celebration on 10 July 2017 at Astana EXPO 2017, a Specialised World Expo themed 'Future Energy'.

Honourable Datuk Haji Ahmad Maslan will deliver the keynote address entitled "Business Opportunities With Malaysia" at the Malaysia-Kazakhstan Business Forum on 12 July 2017. The Forum which will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Astana is expecting the presence of Kazakh companies and international expo participants with export and investment interest with Malaysia and ASEAN.

The Deputy Minister is also scheduled to meet several Kazakh companies to discuss business and investment opportunities between the two countries, especially in the manufacturing sectors including medical devices, food products, production of electrical and electronic components and automotive spare parts, among others.

Kazakhstan is Malaysia's 4th largest trading partner among the Commonwealth of Independent States countries. In 2016, total trade with Kazakhstan rose by 36.1% to reach RM203.58 million (US\$49.22 million). Malaysia's largest export item to Kazakhstan is coffee-based preparations (Other Agricultures) while the two biggest imports from Kazakhstan are zinc and television components.

Malaysian companies have established presence in Kazakhstan in sectors such as oil and gas, cement manufacturing and consultation services in education and training.

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