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MALAYSIA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE FINALISING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND CYCLE OF THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC & TRADE RELATIONS

Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, YB Datuk Lim Ban Hong and His Excellency Li Chenggang, Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China had a virtual meeting yesterday to deliberate on enhancing the trade and economic relations between Malaysia and the People's Republic of China.

The meeting, which was participated by senior officials from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia and the Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China, discussed about strengthening the trade, investment, and economic cooperation between the two countries against backdrop of Covid-19 pandemic.

Currently, Malaysia and the People's Republic of China are finalising the draft of the second cycle of the Five Year Program for Economic and Trade Relations. During the virtual meeting both sides also exchanged the current progress of the industrial parks namely, Malaysia-China Kuantan Industrial Park (MCKIP) and China-Malaysia Qinzhou Industrial Park (CMQIP).

According to Lim, during the meeting both sides emphasised the continuous engagements to strengthen the cooperation under the framework of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and further enhancing regional and multilateral cooperation.

"Malaysia also suggested to explore deepening trade and investment opportunities in provinces in China" he shared.



Amid the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Malaysia and China will continue to focus on economic cooperation which will bring mutual benefits for both economies. China is Malaysia's major trading partner since 2009 and the trade momentum between Malaysia and China will continue to be enhanced through strategic engagements by the public and private sectors.

China has been Malaysia's largest trading partner for 11 consecutive years since 2009. In 2019, our total trade accounted for USD123.96 billion. China is also Malaysia's largest export destination and largest import source. For the period January-October 2020, total trade with China increased by 3.5 per cent to reach USD103.93 billion compared with the corresponding period of 2019.

"Malaysia is focused on attracting quality investments in capital-intensive, high-value added and high technology projects given that China is Malaysia's leading source of foreign direct investment," Lim said.

From January to September 2020, 58 manufacturing projects with participation from China were approved with investments totaling USD4.4 billion (RM16.7 billion). China is the largest investor for this period. These projects were expected to create 8,724 jobs.

These projects were mainly in the industry of basic metal products, electronics & electrical products, non-metallic mineral products, machinery & equipment and wood & wood products. Some notable projects approved are Baojia New Energy Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd. (Machinery & Equipment), SRE Power Technology Sdn. Bhd. (Electrical & Electronics) and China Tangxing Equipment (M) Sdn. Bhd. (Machinery & Equipment).

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