



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MALAYSIA TO HIGHLIGHT ITS EFFORTS IN MITIGATING COVID-19 IMPACTS TO JAPANESE AND ASEAN COUNTERPARTS**

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Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade & Industry YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali will be leading the Malaysian delegation at the Economic Ministers of ASEAN Member States digital meeting with Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan tomorrow.

At the meeting, the Senior Minister, who will be accompanied by Deputy Minister of International Trade & Industry YB Datuk Lim Ban Hong, will be sharing the Malaysian government experience in combatting the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 and ensure the protection of lives and livelihoods of Malaysians.

The meeting, hosted by Viet Nam, is set to take place to discuss ASEAN-Japan action plan in response to COVID-19 pursuant to the "ASEAN-Japan Joint Statement on Initiatives on Economic Resilience Action in Response to Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak" issued on 22 April 2020.

Malaysia, regarded as one of the best in managing the COVID-19 impact, will share its experience and efforts, both in curbing the spread of COVID-19 and to put a balance onto the Malaysian economy. Among these would include the PENJANA economic stimulus plan and Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) imposed by Malaysia that saw the opening of economic activities to keep the economy resilient, thus protecting the livelihood and well-being of Malaysians.

The meeting will be an avenue for Malaysia through the ASEAN platform to forge closer collaboration and partnership with Japan and other ASEAN member states, in a synergised and unified manner to battle against COVID-19 - portraying strong solidarity, vision and leadership among ASEAN and Japan Economic Ministers.



At the end of the meeting, the Ministers are expected to adopt the “ASEAN-Japan Economic Resilience Action Plan” which would be an important mechanism to turn the collaborative decisions as envisioned in the “ASEAN-Japan Joint Statement on Initiatives on Economic Resilience Action in Response to Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak” into concrete and tangible action plan.

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