



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SPECIAL ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' (AEM) & SPECIAL ASEAN PLUS THREE ECONOMIC MINISTERS' (AEM +3) VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING ON COVID-19 RESPONSE**

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A Special ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) meeting on COVID-19 Response as well as a Special ASEAN Plus Three Economic Ministers' (AEM+3) meeting will be convened tomorrow as a virtual conference hosted by Viet Nam.

The meetings will focus on the collective actions and responses in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken to mitigate the unintended economic consequences.

Malaysia will share its experience and success in using the targeted approach in flattening the curve and lowering the infectivity rate while striking a balance between protecting lives and livelihoods. Malaysia will exchange views on the challenges faced in implementing the various movement control orders and our measures to reinvigorate the economy and businesses.

The conference will also discuss the efforts taken by member states toward research and development initiatives to find a cure for COVID-19. In this regard, Malaysia, which has been offered to work with the World Health Organisation for the "Solidarity Trial" research project, will share its perspectives in the development of a vaccine as well as treatment protocols.



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The AEM+3 is expected to adopt the Joint ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Statement on *Mitigating the Economic Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic*.

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**Senior Minister**  
**Minister of International Trade and Industry**

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