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### MITI CONSULTATIVE DIALOGUE RETURNS TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE INDUSTRY PLAYERS 16 OCTOBER 2019, PERDANA HALL MITI

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The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) lead a Joint Ministerial Dialogue Session, in MITI tower today.

In the event following the MITI Consultative Dialogue, Minister YB Datuk Darell Leiking engaged with representatives from Malaysian business and industry associations, as well as national and international chambers of commerce.

The Dialogue, brought back by MITI after decade long hiatus, was joined by the Minister of Finance (MOF), the Minister of Water, Land and Natural Resources (KATS), the Minister of Human Resource (MOHR), the Minister of Domestic and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP), the Minister of Health (MOH), the Minister of Primary Industries (MPI), the Minister of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC) and the Minister of Entrepreneur Development (MED).

The MITI Consultative Dialogue serves as a platform between the Government and the private sector to address issues related to the industry engage industry stakeholders and gain industry insight through suggestions and feedback to further improve the government public delivery system.

In the session, MITI Minister shared the government's common vision to attract quality investments, and spur positive spin-off effects towards high quality jobs for locals, optimisation of national resources and acceleration of technology penetration and adoption among the industry, in particular small and medium industries within the value chain.

“At MITI, it has always been our practice to conduct extensive consultation with stakeholders involved, and this was evident in the formulation of our National Policy on Industry 4.0, or widely known in MITI as Industry4WRD, National Automotive Policy 2019 and many others”, said YB Datuk Darell.

He further reiterated his awareness on issues including foreign labors substitution, cost of doing business, commodities, technology adoption and others raised by stakeholders throughout the consultations conducted by MITI since he was appointed to office.

Datuk Darell acknowledged that the Budget 2020 was in line the next phase of industrial development, coherent with the New Industrial Master Plan 2021-2030 that will be launched in 2020.

Key strategies which include comprehensive future-proofing of incentives framework to allow the business community to leverage on external challenges and develop Malaysia into a preferred investment destination by attracting global multinational companies to establish regional hubs in Malaysia, and creating the needed ecosystem to nurture local players.

“Please be assured that your concerns and suggestions will not fall on deaf ears. The era that the Government knows best is already behind us. I give you my word today that we at MITI will treat each and every single issue in high importance and we shall address them through collaboration with other Ministries and government agencies”, he said.

The MITI Minister concluded by urging industry captains and key economic players to take active involvement in the upcoming APEC 2020, which is scheduled to be launched by YAB Prime Minister in December, this year. Overall, the above are the beginnings in realising the core principles and pillars of the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 (SPV2030).

The month-long MITI Consultative Dialogue 2019 was earlier launched by YB Datuk Darell Leiking on 12 September 2019 at MITI Perdana Hall, attended by more than 400 participants representing a total of 108 national and international chambers of commerce and business and industry associations in Malaysia.

A series of 32 mini dialogues have been organised after the launch including the session on 15 October 2019 to resolve as many issues as possible which include incentives, aerospace, automotive, textile, Industry 4.0, trade facilitation and ASEAN prior to today’s Joint Ministerial Dialogue Session.

Today, another 29 issues across 9 ministries were discussed which include government consultation, palm oil, renewable energy, licensing procedures for new hospitals, foreign workers, tax issues and water supply.

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**About MITI:**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry was established in April 1956 then was renamed as The Ministry of Trade and Industry in February 1972. On 27 October 1990, the Ministry was separated into two Ministries which are; Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDN).

MITI is the key driver in making Malaysia the preferred destination for quality investments and enhancing the nation's rising status as a globally competitive trading nation

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