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AT THE

**MEETING BETWEEN H.E. SADYR ZHAPAROV,
PRESIDENT OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC WITH
THE MALAYSIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025
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His Excellency Sadyr Zhaparov

President of Kyrgyz Republic

Ministers and Distinguished Guests from Kyrgyz Republic

Ladies and gentlemen

Good afternoon and salam sejahtera.

It gives me great honour to welcome our esteemed guest, His Excellency Sadyr Zhaparov, the President of Kyrgyz Republic and the distinguished members of the Kyrgyz delegation to Malaysia. I wish to also extend my special thanks to the Malaysian senior officials and members of the business community for joining us today.

The meeting today, in conjunction with His Excellency Sadyr Zhaparov's visit to Malaysia could not be held at a more opportune time. The visit is a truly significant occasion for both our nations, as this is not only President Sadyr Zhaparov's first official visit to Malaysia, but also the first ever visit by a President of the Kyrgyz Republic to Malaysia in three decades.

Just over a year ago, in May 2024, the Honourable Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim made a historic visit to the Kyrgyz Republic for the first time as the Prime Minister of Malaysia, demonstrating Malaysia's commitment to building a stronger and meaningful bilateral relation with Kyrgyz Republic.

Under the purview of the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia launched the New Industrial Master Plan (NIMP 2030) to drive a comprehensive industry transformation. This Master Plan is guided by four key thrusts, namely:

- First, to advance economic complexity, by strengthening high-value and knowledge-intensive industries;
- Second, to tech-up for a digitally vibrant nation, by embedding innovation and digital capabilities across all sectors;
- Third, to accelerate the transition towards net-zero carbon emissions, aligning with our sustainability commitments;
- And fourth, to safeguard economic security and inclusivity, ensuring that growth is not only resilient but also shared by all segments of society

We should look at Malaysia and Krygyz as the gateways to our respective regions - ASEAN and Central Asia.

Malaysia can be explained in three "middles". Malaysia is

- **a middle technology nation;**

- **a middle power steadfast in its neutral positioning in geopolitics;**
- **and an emerging middle class society.**

Malaysia used to portray itself as a trading nation but Malaysia is in many ways a sophisticated middle technology nation, including being the sixth largest exporter of semiconductors globally.

Malaysia and Krygyz are both non-aligned in geopolitics. Such middle ground positioning is hugely important as the world transitions from a unipolar world into a multipolar one.

Thirdly, both Malaysia and Krygyz aspire to see our people becoming more prosperous and emerging as middle class, which in turn will provide markets for what we produce. These are the common grounds between Malaysia and Krygyz which we could build long-term partnerships upon.

The Malaysian Government is committed to foster stronger private sector partnership in mutually beneficial areas. The presence of the Malaysian business community today signifies our collective resolve to strengthen our economic ties. I am glad that the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia, along with several other companies, will be exchanging Memorandum of Understanding with their Kyrgyz partners to explore further opportunities within the Kyrgyz market.

I wish to reaffirm Malaysia's commitment to build stronger bonds of friendship and cooperation with Kyrgyz Republic. With the valuable support of Kyrgyz's leadership, Malaysia is confident that we can explore and reap many opportunities together for a brighter and more prosperous future for our people.

Thank you.