



**PRIME MINISTER  
MALAYSIA**

## **MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Government of Malaysia, I am pleased to join The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) and Country Heights Group, in welcoming you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Chinese Economic Forum on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011 with the theme, "Linking East and West in a Globalised World".

I believe this Forum is apt and timely and I am delighted to have the opportunity to deliver the Opening Keynote Address at the Forum and to meet with you. Malaysia recognises the important role of China as a regional driver of growth for East Asia. Malaysia also recognises the critical role that Malaysians of ethnic Chinese origin have played in the development and progress of our country.

The World Chinese Economic Forum provides a useful platform for interchange of views and ideas, as well as to forge business partnerships and linkages. At this year's World Chinese Economic Forum we shall be also promoting the concept of a new economic corridor linking China through the 10 countries of Southeast Asia and India to the Middle East – a sort of a new silk road. I believe this China-ASEAN-Middle East Corridor (CAME) can be a growth region of sustainable development, economic prosperity and dynamic trade and investment flows. This is a challenging opportunity - idea which has to be further crystallised, discussed and implemented.

The World Chinese Economic Forum also enables foreign participants to be updated on the tremendous business and investment opportunities available under Malaysia's 12 National Key Economic Areas (NKEA's) as defined in our Economic Transformation Programme. We welcome you to invest in Malaysia and participate in our economic growth.

I invite you to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Chinese Economic Forum and I congratulate The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) and Country Heights Group for their continued commitment in organising for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year the World Chinese Economic Forum.

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**DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB**