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PRESS RELEASE – 22nd MALAYSIAN EDUCATION SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 April 2018 – The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI), together with strategic partner QI Group, today held the 22nd Malaysian Education Summit at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa. The summit was themed ‘Creating the Right Environment to Enable Quality Education’ and reviewed new and upcoming trends in education policy.

Thus far, Malaysia has had an encouraging start in 2018 with the implementation of the Dual Language Programme (DLP) and positive policies for inclusive education. However, with the advent of Industry 4.0, more needs to be done to ensure that the Malaysian education ecosystem is on the right track.

We were fortunate to have **YB Dato’ Seri Idris bin Jusof**, Minister of Higher Education Malaysia, as both the guest of honor and opening keynote speaker. The minister noted with pride that Malaysia has achieved international recognition for how it has redesigned higher education in the country, with universities like Universiti Malaya and Sunway University ranked competitively with larger universities in the US and Australia. To prepare for disruptions caused by Industry 4.0, the Ministry of Higher Education has already put forward initiatives like the ‘learn and earn’ programme to supplement TVET education in Malaysia with working apprenticeships to develop both academic and on-the-job learning.

The minister also launched a new book entitled ***Framing Malaysian Higher Education 4.0: Future Proof Talents*** by the Department of Higher Education. The book sets out the main challenges presented by Industry 4.0 and recommendations by the Ministry on how to create graduates who are resilient, emotionally intelligent and equipped with ‘future proof’ skills. Through this book, the Ministry seeks to ensure that education today is holistic, personalized and makes full use of new technology. A pdf version of the book can be downloaded via the Malaysian Higher Education 4.0 (MyHE 4.0) application in Google Play (android) or App Store (iOS).

Ultimately, the fundamentals of education remain the same – to prepare students for life according to individual interests and enable them to contribute back to society. Understanding this, the summit stressed the importance of investing in education in Malaysia, in our students, educators, and in the national framework to create graduates who are prepared and able to face any challenge ahead.

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