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MALAYSIAN STRATEGIC FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FORUM

'Governing in Times of Heightened PUBLIC SCRUTINY and ACCOUNTABILITY demands'

Driving Malaysia's Financial Outlook forward

Bandar Sunway, 12 March 2019 – The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) organised the Malaysian Strategic Financial Outlook Forum with the theme 'Governing in Times of Heightened PUBLIC SCRUTINY and ACCOUNTABILITY demands' at the Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa.

The one-day forum features an array of topics being discussed by a number of distinguished speakers such as YB Khairy Jamaluddin, MP of Rembau, YB Maria Chin Abdullah, MP and former BERSIH chair, Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad, Former Attorney General, Malaysia, Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Mahbob, Chairman, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Tan Sri Mohd Sheriff Mohd Kassim, Chairman, PLUS, Dato' Ho Kay Tat, Publisher and Group CEO, The Edge Media Group, Dato' Mohammad Faiz Azmi, Executive Chairman, PwC Malaysia, Mr. Premesh Chandran, Co-founder & CEO, Malaysiakini.com among many others.

In his opening remarks, "What Should the Role of Think Tanks Be?", Tan Sri Razman Hashim, Board Director, Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) and Deputy Chairman, Sunway Group emphasised on the all-encompassing nature of think tanks by being the centre of in-depth studies providing valuable insights to the public and policymakers ultimately helping to create a better Malaysian society. He also applauded ASLI's efforts at nation-building by being Malaysia's leading think tank that plays a significant connector role between the private and the public sector.

In the first plenary session, "Criteria to a Strong Financial Outlook and Implementation", moderated by Dato' Mohammad Faiz Azmi, Executive Chairman, PwC Malaysia, YB Khairy Jamaluddin, MP of Rembau and Dato' Badlisyah Abdul Ghani, Chairman, PayHalal agreed that markets, both public and private sectors as well as the media play an essential role in developing Malaysia's financial outlook and current policies.

The second plenary session, "GLICs and GLCs", moderated by Ms. Firoz Abdul Hamid (ASLI), panellists, Tan Sri Mohd. Sheriff Mohd. Kassim, Chairman, PLUS, Dato' Ho Kay Tat, Publisher and Group CEO, The Edge Media Group and Mr. David Berry, Deputy President, Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG) believed that appointment of boards and senior management coupled with performance measures and accountability standards all play a crucial role in enhancing Malaysia's financial competitiveness.

In the third plenary session, "The Enablers, Destructors and Destroyers" moderated by Ms. Michele Kytthe Lim, President and CEO, Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM), panellists, Tan Sri Dr. Sulaiman Mahbob, Chairman, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) and Syed Naqiz Shahabuddin, Senior Partner, Naqiz & Partners and Owner of Bud & Naq Holdings outlined where and what are the roadblocks to Malaysia's economic growth.

The fourth plenary session, "The Role of Public, Media and Civil Society Converting Outlook to Reality" moderated by Mr. Jahabar Sadiq, CEO and editor, The Malaysian Insight, panellists, YB Maria Chin Abdullah, MP and Former BERSIH Chair, Datuk Wira Dr. Rais Hussin Mohamed Ariff, President & CEO, Emerging Markets Innovative Research (M) Sdn Bhd, Mr. Lukman Sheriff Alias, Founder, Malaysian Lawyers Circle and Puan Nurini Kassim, Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian National News Agency (BERNAMA) discussed whether policies are driven from the bottom up culture or the 24-7 media landscape and elaborated if how governments could balance populist-based policy making with top down traditional based policy-making.

In the final plenary session, "Newsmaker Session – Past, Present and Future of New Malaysia", moderated by Dato' Seri Johan Raslan, Former Executive Chairman, PwC Malaysia in a panel session consisting of Tan Sri Dr. Madinah Mohamed, Former Auditor General of Malaysia, Mr. Mohamed Haniff Khatri Abdulla, Lawyer and Chairman of PERDA and Mr. Premesh Chandran, Co-founder & CEO, Malaysiakini.com, set in place the conditions and the rule of law for building a sustainable competitor and economic force in a new Malaysia.

Malaysian Strategic Financial Outlook Forum brought together policy makers, thought leaders, the media, private sector leaders, youth groups, regulators, market makers and civil societies on how do Governments Govern in Times of Heightened Public Scrutiny with a Focus on Financial Outlook for Malaysia.

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