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**'TIL ELEVEN MORNING INSIGHTS WITH SPEAKER OF THE DEWAN RAKYAT**

**'The New Parliament, New Culture, New Code of Conduct, The Reforms'**

**Taking the Task of Upholding A True Parliamentary Democracy for Malaysia**

**Kuala Lumpur, 25 April 2019 – Kuala Lumpur, 25 April 2019** – The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) organised its fourth 'Til Eleven Morning Insights Session today.

Interviewing the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat, Ybhg. Dato' Mohamad Ariff Md Yusof the interview today focused on 'The New Parliament, New Culture, New Code of Conduct, The Reforms' . It was held at the House of Parliament, Malaysia.

Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Ramon V. Navaratnam, Chairman, ASLI Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) in his opening address applauded the encouraging reform works implemented by Ybhg. Dato' Mohamad Ariff Md Yusof as the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat, since taking office 9 months ago. He also added that more reforms that brings about trust, integrity and dignity into the parliamentary system of democracy was needed as it was one of the commitments of Pakatan Harapan in its manifesto.

In his pre-interview presentation, Dato' Mohamad Ariff Md Yusof, Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat said that he was honoured to have been selected as the 9<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat and that he now holds the onerous responsibility to oversee and monitor the reforms and to ensure its successful implementation, and institutionalisation.

He also added that the Parliament must truly become a symbol of Malaysia's bicameral parliamentary democracy.

In a dynamic panel session that followed, moderated by Ms. Firoz Abdul Hamid (ASLI), Ybhg. Dato' Mohamad Ariff Md Yusof, elaborated further the parliamentary reforms he is leading to bring forth an independent parliament making Malaysia a stronger democracy. He spoke on the roles and responsibilities of the select committees. Besides, he also provided insights into the institutionalisation of a new parliamentary code of conduct and culture for members and executives.

He concluded the panel session by emphasizing the need to create a more mature parliamentarian system by cultivating discipline amongst the members and executives so that proceedings are executed in an efficient, accurate and concise manner.

Ms. Melissa Ong, the Chief Executive of ASLI said that this Panel Session was organised to bring forth a topical and current subject which requires greater clarity for public understanding.

'Til Eleven is designed for C-Suites, senior public officials as well as registered members of ASLI. The breakfast session allows for active networking opportunities as well as an invaluable opportunity for participants to engage on topics that concern their businesses with renowned panellists.

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