



8 January 2019

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*Dear Ms Sarojini*

**THE 2019 MALAYSIA ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC OUTLOOK FORUM**  
**"New Malaysia, New Beginning, New Opportunities"**  
**29 January 2019 + Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur**

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We are pleased to inform you that our KSI Institute, a newly established Public Policy Think Tank will be organizing the **2019 Malaysia Economic and Strategic Outlook Forum on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at the **Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur**. **The Minister of Energy, Technology, Science, Climate Change and Environment, YB Yeo Bee Yin will deliver the Opening Keynote Address and to officiate the Opening Ceremony of this Forum.**

This is a high-level Forum that brings together Strategic Thinkers, Thought Leaders, Business Leaders, Researchers and Civil Society organizations to discuss the key outlook for the country for 2019. The Forum will enable participants to be updated on key trends, strategic issues and major challenges facing the nation. It will provide participants with an apt and timely opportunity to feel the pulse of the economy and the tempo of development. The Forum will also enable participants to have better insights, information and intelligence to make more informed decisions and better strategic plans for their organizations as well as for better risk management.

In this regard, it gives us great pleasure to extend **five (05) complimentary seats to representatives from NAWEM to attend the Forum**. We believe that their presence would make a significant contribution to the success of this Forum. We would be most grateful if your office could confirm their attendance by emailing us the reply slip by **18 January 2019 (reply slip is enclosed - please note that names who have registered with us earlier will be excluded from this complimentary seat)**. A copy of the programme is attached for your reference.

We are pleased to inform you that the KSI Institute is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote closer dialogue between Government, Business and Civil Society organizations. Since our inception in August this year, we are pleased to have hosted the Prime Minister, YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir Mahathir; YB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim; YB Lim Kit Siang; Finance Minister, YB Lim Guan Eng; Entrepreneur Development Minister, YB Dato' Seri Mohd Redzuan Yusof; and Sarawak Chief Minister, YAB Datuk Patinggi Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Abang Haji Openg to our events. We have organized and managed the World Chinese Economic Forum, the Malaysian Economic Summit, the Housing and Property Development Colloquium and the Sarawak and ASEAN International Conference.

We hope you will be able to accept our invitation to make this one-day Forum a successful event. Should you require further clarifications, please feel free to email **Ms. Jessica Hap** at [jessica@kasi.asia](mailto:jessica@kasi.asia)

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

**Tan Sri Michael Yeoh**  
President



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## The 2019 Malaysia Economic and Strategic Outlook Forum "New Malaysia, New Beginning, New Opportunities"

29 January 2019 \* Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur

The Malaysia Economic and Strategic Outlook Forum is a high level gathering of strategic thinkers, economic experts, business and industry leaders and senior Government officers to discuss the key strategic challenges and key issues facing the nation in the new year as well as to assess the business and investment opportunities. The Forum provides an apt and timely opportunity to feel the pulse of the economy and the tempo of development as well as be updated on emerging trends.

It will provide policy updates and clarifications on the state of the national economy. The Forum is a useful opportunity to exchange views on national development, the economic directions of the economy as well as identify the new opportunities in key sectors. In addition, the Forum will provide opportunities for business interaction and networking. The Forum will also enable participants to have better insights, information and intelligence to make more informed decisions and better strategic plans for their organizations as well as for better risk management.

### PROGRAMME

- 8.30 am – 9.15 am : Arrival and Registration of Participants
- 9.15 am – 9.30 am : Welcome Speech by President, KSI Institute  
Tan Sri Michael Yeoh
- 9.30 am – 10.00 am : Opening Keynote Address – "Towards a Green Economy: Prospects for  
Green Energy and Sustainable Development"
- Keynote Speaker:  
YB Yeo Bee Yin, Minister of Energy, Technology, Science, Climate  
Change and Environment
- 10.00 am – 10.05 am : Presentation of Mementoes
- 10.05 am – 10.30 am : Morning Refreshments / Business Networking
- 10.30 am – 11.45 am : Malaysia's Economic Outlook – "What to Look Out For in 2019? What  
are the Key Structural Challenges to Address in the Malaysian Economy?"
- Speakers:
- Mr Shan Saeed, Chief Economist, IQI Global, Malaysia
  - Mr Manokaran Mottain, Chief Economist, Alliance Bank Malaysia Bhd

- **Mr Nor Zahidi Alias**, Chief Economist, Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad (MARC)

**Moderator:**

- **Tan Sri Mohd Sheriff Mohd Kassim**, Past President, Malaysian Economic Association / former Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance

11.45 am – 1.00 pm : **The Political Outlook: What Next for Malaysian Politics? Where Do We Go from Here? How to Enhance Unity and Reconciliation Post GE 14?**

**Speakers:**

- **Mr Tian Chua**, Vice President, Parti Keadilan Rakyat
- **Prof. Dr. James Chin**, Director, Asia Institute, University of Tasmania
- **YB Arthur Joseph Kurup**, Deputy President, United Sabah People's Party / Member of Parliament for Pensiangan, Sabah
- **YB Dr. Kelvin Yii**, Secretary, DAPSY Sarawak / Member of Parliament for Bandar Kuching
- **YB Puan Maria Chin Abdullah**, Former Chairman BERSIH / Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya
- **YB Senator Dato' Sri Ti Lian Ker**, Vice President, Malaysian Chinese Association

**Moderator:**

- **Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria**, Principal Research Fellow, KITA, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

1.00 pm – 2.15 pm : **Lunch & Special Luncheon Address – “The Global Outlook and Key Imperatives in Malaysia’s Foreign Policy under the Pakatan Harapan Government”**

**Luncheon Speaker:**

**YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah**, Minister of Foreign Affairs

2.15 pm – 3.30 pm : **Redefining Leadership for the Digital Age**

**Speakers:**

- **Representative from Macro Kiosk Berhad**
- **Dr. Tan Juan Jim**, Executive Director and Head of HR Advisory Business, Willis Towers Watson Malaysia
- **Mr Hairil Yahri Yaakob**, Senior Director, Sectoral Policy, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
- **Ms Shareen Shariza Dato' Abdul Ghani**, Co-Founder & Director, Sorga Ventures Sdn Bhd

**Moderator:**

- **Ms Chong Chye Neo**, Board Member, Technology Advisor / Former Managing Director, IBM Malaysia

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm : **Special Keynote Address - “Malaysia’s Trade and Investment Outlook”**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**YB Datuk Ignatius Darell Leiking**, Minister of International Trade and Industry

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm : **Sectoral Outlook – “Key Outlook for the Oil & Gas, E-Commerce, SME, Retail, Plantation, Property, ICT and Tourism Sectors: What to Expect in 2019?”**

**Oil & Gas Sector:** **Dato’ Dr. Ir. Hj. Mohd. Abdul Karim Abdullah**  
Group Managing Director / Group Chief  
Executive Officer, Serba Dinamik Holdings  
Berhad

**E-Commerce Sector:** **Representative**  
Macro Kiosk Berhad

**SME Sector:** **Datuk Michael Kang**  
National President, SME Association of Malaysia

**Retail Sector:** **Datuk Seri Garry Chua**  
President, Malaysia Retail Chain Association

**Plantation Sector:** **Datuk Mohamad Nageeb Ahmad Abdul Wahab,**  
Chief Executive, Malaysian Palm Oil Association

**Property Sector:** **Mr Siva Shanker**  
Head of Investments, Axis Reit & Past President,  
Malaysian Institute of Estate Agents

**ICT Sector:** **Mr Ganesh Kumar Bangah**  
Chairman, PIKOM, The National ICT Association  
of Malaysia

**Tourism Sector:** **Mr Nigel Wong**  
Honorary Secretary General, Malaysian  
Association of Tour and Travel Agents

**Moderator:**

- **Prof. Dato' Dr. Jayles Yeoh**  
President, ASEAN Retail-Chains & Franchise Federation

5.30 pm – 5.45 pm : **Closing Keynote Address:**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**YB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim**  
President, Parti Keadilan Rakyat / Member of Parliament for Port Dickson

5.45 pm : **End of Forum / Afternoon Refreshments**

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**Notes:**

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