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FIRST SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM1) AND RELATED MEETINGS 3 - 22 FEBRUARY 2020, PUTRAJAYA

3 February 2020, Putrajaya - The 1st Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) and Related Meetings commenced today with a total of 102 meetings, workshops, activities and field trips that will be organised by various Ministries and Agencies, starting from today until 22 February 2020. As of to date, a more than 1700 delegates from 21 economies have registered for these meetings.

Discussions in the meeting will be centred on setting the work plan for their respective Committees and Working Groups, in progressing Shared Prosperity agenda aligned with the APEC 2020 theme. Officials together with the private sectors will be deliberating on issues that include business mobility, food security, sustainable development, customs procedure, standards setting, health and intellectual property rights.

In managing the risks and threats of Novel Coronavirus (nCov), the APEC 2020 National Secretariat is working closely with the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) and other relevant authorities to ensure the safety of delegates and all parties involved in the meetings. Safety and precaution measures undertaken are as follows:

- i. Providing liquid sanitisers at various locations at meeting venues and accommodations throughout SOM1 and Related Meetings;
- ii. Providing suitable surgical disposable face masks for all delegates and working members of APEC 2020;
- iii. Providing non-contact thermometer to check body temperatures at all information counters;
- iv. Impose self-declaration form to delegates arriving at the airports;



- v. Medical centres at all meeting venues;
- vi. 24-hour on-call medical officers from MOH for any medical needs;
- vii. Mobile clinic at all side event venues;
- viii. Isolation rooms at all meeting venues;
- ix. Thermal body scanners upon arrival at KLIA & KLIA2;
- x. Advocate health measures through video presentation before every meeting;
- xi. Daily updates of nCov status in Malaysia by MOH to APEC 2020 Secretariat that are later communicated to the delegates; and
- xii. Accommodate meeting through remote participation by APEC 2020 delegates who are unable to physically attend SOM1 in Malaysia.

Malaysia has chosen “Optimising Human Potential towards a Future of Shared Prosperity” as the theme for APEC 2020. Through the identified priorities of ‘Improving the Narrative of Trade and Investment’; ‘Inclusive Economic Participation Through Digital Economy and Technology’; and ‘Driving Innovative Sustainability’, Malaysia plans to bring all the economies together for an in-depth discussion towards delivering substantive and effective deliverables for APEC 2020

The hosting of APEC 2020 will be supported by the official partners namely Celcom, Proton, Perodua, Malaysia Airlines and Grab.

Media room for SOM1 is located at Wisma Putra Room, Putrajaya Marriott Hotel and is open daily from 9am to 6pm beginning today until 22 February 2020. For more information on APEC 2020, please visit the official website of APEC 2020 at www.myapec2020.my.

APEC 2020 NATIONAL SECRETARIAT
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About APEC 2020 National Secretariat:

The APEC 2020 National Secretariat was established since February 2018 in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) to carry out the planning and implementation of APEC 2020. Consisting of Substantive and Logistics Unit, the APEC 2020 National Secretariat is responsible for both the substantive directions and logistical arrangements in preparation of APEC 2020 hosting.

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