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MALAYSIA PAVILION UNVEILS CLIMATE COMMITMENTS AT COP28 IN DUBAI

Malaysia is poised for a significant presence at the 28th Conference of Parties to the “UNFCCC” (COP28) with the launch of the Malaysia Pavilion. Held in Expo City Dubai, UAE, from 30 November to 12 December 2023 with the theme UNITE. ACT. DELIVER., nations worldwide will critically evaluate its progress in addressing climate change.

This year, the Malaysia Pavilion's launch is marked by the theme "Going Beyond: Green Growth, Resilient Community, Sustainable Planet," encapsulating Malaysia's dynamic approach to climate action. The Pavilion signifies Malaysia's commitment to progressive, holistic solutions—supporting the green economy while ensuring the well-being of communities, the planet, and biodiversity.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah launched the Malaysia Pavilion, and in his royal address, His Majesty hoped COP28 would succeed and help accelerate global efforts in addressing climate change.

The King also expected the Malaysia Pavilion to be the focal point for potential investment opportunities and collaboration for the benefit of Malaysia as well as the global community.

Malaysia remains a regional leader in climate commitments, aiming for a net-zero nation as early as 2050, subject to the outcome of Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategies (LT-LEDS). Recognising the important role of our forest as a carbon sink, Malaysia has maintained a formidable more than 50% forest cover since the Rio Earth Summit in 1992.

“Efforts to fight climate change are collectively implemented by country parties to the Paris Agreement. We hope to see more emphasis and urgency on taking action and focusing on practical implementations of the commitment made,” Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said.

The Pavilion promises an engaging experience with over 60 distinguished speakers, 28-panel discussions, multiple bilateral meetings, and culturally enriching performances. In addition, the Malaysian negotiation team will be engaged at the negotiation hall with a focus on the carbon market, just transition, climate finance, and mitigation work programmes, amongst others.

As one of the world's 17 megadiverse nations, Malaysia recognises the imperative to leverage its biodiversity wealth responsibly. Aligned with initiatives, such as the

National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) and New Industrial Master Plan (NIMP), Malaysia's dedication to green growth positions it as a trailblazer in environmentally conscious economic development.

At COP28, Malaysia will join the Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge and will be involved in multiple ministerial dialogues. Global stocktake and climate finance, including the operationalisation of loss and damage, will be among the priority issues at COP28.

“Ensuring the Loss and Damage fund's transparent and equitable oversight is paramount. It must remain a politics-free tool for climate action, swiftly supporting developing nations,” emphasised Nik Nazmi.

Malaysia acknowledges the UAE's pivotal role at COP 28, expressing hope for successful negotiations and envisioning a strong collaborative stance on climate-related matters.

Visitors are invited to the Malaysia Pavilion and actively participate in the global dialogue on climate action. This launch marks a significant step towards a sustainable future, urging attendees to unite, act, and deliver for a resilient and sustainable planet.

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