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The Changing Landscape of Business in Asia under the Trump Administration

With Her Excellency Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir

### **KLBC welcomes new US Ambassador to Malaysia**

The new U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, Her Excellency Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, met with around 60 KLBC members after taking up her post in Kuala Lumpur. Ambassador Lakhdhir is a career diplomat who was US Consul General in Belfast 2009-2011 and most recently the Executive Assistant to Under Secretary for Political Affairs. She also has worked at U.S. Embassies in Beijing and Jakarta and worked in several Washington based capacities in the State Department's East Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau. At the KLBC event, she discussed U.S. high level and working level bilateral engagement with Malaysia, focusing on business and economic matters, and broader U.S. policy objectives in Asia. She also noted her impressions of Malaysia from her interactions with senior government and business leaders as well as Malaysian youth and her other opportunities to experience Malaysian food and culture.

Since its inception in 2003, the KLBC has had several dialogues and visits with U.S. officials and maintained a close connection with US Ambassadors to Malaysia. KLBC President Tengku Dato' Sri Zafrul Aziz travelled with other KLBC members to New York and Washington in 2012 and met several U.S. officials including U.S. Senators Joseph Lieberman and John McCain.

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