

Dialogue with Hon. Mr. Heng Swee Keat, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance
29th September 2020

On 29th September 2020, the Kuala Lumpur Business Club (KLBC) had the honour of hosting Hon. Mr. Heng Swee Keat (DPM Heng), Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance, at a dialogue session themed 'Post-Covid 19: Singapore's Recovery Plan' on a mixed physical and virtual platform.

DPM Heng attended virtually via Zoom at the session moderated by KLBC President Dato' Mohammad Faiz Azmi from The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur.

DPM Heng was candid in providing in-depth clarity to KLBC members and guests on Singapore's recovery initiatives and exploring the opportunities in business, trade and investment between Singapore and Malaysia, as well as at regional and global levels, during the pandemic and beyond.

Following an introduction of DPM Heng by Dato' Faiz, KLBC Board members and guests at the three main tables were invited by Dato' Faiz to introduce themselves to DPM Heng.

DPM Heng opened the dialogue by providing an overview of the strong ties between the economies and peoples of both countries, which enabled both nations to work together during the pandemic to improve the lives and the wellbeing of their peoples. He also spoke on leveraging the two nations' complementary strengths to overcome challenges and work closely together to seize new opportunities in a new post-COVID world.

DPM Heng spent about half an hour addressing questions from the floor as well as virtual participants and spoke on the following areas:

- a) Singapore's COVID-19 support measures, including initiatives to save jobs;
- b) Digital trade and cross-border data flows;
- c) APEC collaboration under Malaysia's 2020 APEC Chairmanship; and
- d) Cross-border travel between Singapore and Malaysia.

The dialogue was physically and virtually attended by approximately 70 KLBC members and guests.

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