

**KLBC Fireside Chat with His Excellency Brian McFeeters, US Ambassador to Malaysia
21 February 2022**

The Kuala Lumpur Business Club (KLBC) had the honour of hosting His Excellency Brian McFeeters, US Ambassador to Malaysia, at a Fireside Chat on 21 February 2022. KLBC President Dato' Mohammad Faiz Azmi moderated the session themed 'US and Malaysia: Cross-border investments and trade opportunities and challenges'.

The session began with His Excellency sharing his observations of the dynamism in Malaysia's advancement since his first posting here about 10 years ago, among others, the economic advancement, more advanced US company presence, military engagement that has picked up and a much larger US Embassy.

Speaking on government relations, he said the US has underlined the importance of the IndoPacific, ASEAN and South East Asia where the US can progress with its partners and friends whereas on the business side, he noted that Malaysia has many enthusiastic companies with a mentality of growth.

His Excellency said that encouraging Malaysian companies to invest in the US is very high on the radar and towards that end, highlighted the upcoming SelectUSA event which presents a unique opportunity for businesses looking to invest in the US as well as network with senior US government officials and business leaders around the world. On US investments in Malaysia, he cited electrical and electronic products (E&E), cloud computing, healthcare and cyber as among the industries of growth.

His Excellency spent about 20 minutes addressing questions on the following areas:

- a) US investment in ASEAN
- b) Malaysia's Tier 3 status
- c) Forced labour
- d) ESG
- e) Security
- f) Carbon tax
- g) Gun control
- h) Bilateral relationship

The hybrid session was attended by over 50 KLBC members and guests.

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