

Fireside Chat with YBhg. Tan Sri Nazir Razak, ASEAN-BAC Chairman 2025

“Navigating ASEAN’s Economic Future: Leadership, Resilience & Strategy in an Era of Protectionism”

Thursday, 21st August 2025 | Ringgit Room 2, The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur



The Kuala Lumpur Business Club (KLBC) hosted a Fireside Chat titled “Navigating ASEAN’s Economic Future: Leadership, Resilience & Strategy in an Era of Protectionism” on Thursday, 21 August 2025, at the St. Regis Kuala Lumpur. The event featured YBhg. Tan Sri Nazir Razak, ASEAN-BAC Chairman 2025, as the distinguished speaker.

KLBC Deputy President, YBhg. Dato’ Fad’l Mohamed, opened the session with a warm welcome before moderating an engaging discussion with YBhg. Tan Sri Nazir Razak. The discussion emphasized the need for ASEAN to reinforce its centrality and deepen regional integration to remain resilient amid escalating protectionism and geopolitical rivalry. A key takeaway was the importance of moving beyond broad visions to implement tangible initiatives that can deliver immediate benefits and strengthen business competitiveness.

The KLBC Board was represented by President, YBhg. Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam Abdullah, Deputy President, YBhg. Dato’ Fad’l Mohamed, and Directors YBhg. Dato’ Dr. Zaha Rina Zahari, Mr. Sridharan Nair, and YBhg. Datuk Chua Sai Men. The Fireside Chat was attended by 34 KLBC members and guests.