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Dear Dr,

INVITATION TO JOINTLY HOST THE 6TH ASEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION FORUM (AEIF) 2024, 7 & 8 AUGUST 2024

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to let you know that the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS UKM) plans to organise the 6th ASEAN Economic Integration Forum (AEIF) on either the 7th and 8th August or 8th and 9th August 2024, at the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI). The 6th AEIF is to be held in conjunction with the ASEAN Day which falls on the 8th of August 2024.

2. We are pleased to invite MITI to become the co-host of the 6th AEIF. The Kaneka Corporation, the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-Jetro) and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) will also jointly host the 6th AEIF.

3. For your further information, the AEIF is IKMAS' high-level and expert-led programme that aims to provide an open, engaging and forward-looking platform for dialogue, to discuss common regional issues and challenges. The 6th AEIF in 2024 follows the previous convenings organized at Oxford University (Oxford, 2015), Kuala Lumpur (2016), Bangkok (2017 and 2019) and World Trade Institute (WTI), Bern (2022).

4. In light of Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2025, The 6th AEIF this year focuses on several topics of interest such as reflecting on broader ASEAN geopolitics, ASEAN connectivity and integration, sustainable and resilient supply chains, inclusive and responsible business, and a range of climate-related initiatives (further see *Provisional Agenda*). Like in previous sessions, the 6th AEIF 2024 strives to produce a compilation of actionable policy takeaways and to be disseminated widely for further policy discourse and implementation.



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5. Given the pivotal role played by MITI in leading the work of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) during Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2025, **we are pleased to invite MITI to jointly host the 6th AEIF. We also seek MITI's approval to organize the 6th AEIF at one of the meeting facilities available at Menara MITI in Kuala Lumpur, with expected participants of around 80 to 100 individuals.**

6. Attached together with this letter is the concept note of the 6th AEIF, detailing the aims and various topics of discussion during the forum.

7. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind consideration.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



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