

## MEMO

PKKP,

### **THE 2023 APEC MALAYSIA CONFERENCE (AMC 2023), 30-31 JANUARY 2023**

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The United States of America as the host of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in 2023 has concluded the APEC 2023 Symposium and Informal Senior Officials' Meeting (ISOM) that took place from 6 to 9 December 2022 in Honolulu, Hawaii, the USA. The meeting deliberated on policy priorities of the year and the potential deliverables in 2023 that will support APEC's efforts towards realising the Putrajaya Vision 2040, as well as the implementation of the Aotearoa Plan of Action.

#### **A) Background**

2. Following the APEC ISOM, the Regional and International Relations Division (RIRD) is required to carry out follow-up actions with Malaysian APEC focal points to support the work of APEC 2023, including:

- i. follow-up and identify focus areas, initiatives as well as potential deliverables for Malaysia in 2023 that are aligned with APEC 2023 theme and priorities with relevant Ministries and Agencies;
- ii. conduct necessary domestic consultations with relevant Ministries and Agencies to further facilitate the process in supporting APEC's potential deliverables in 2023, prior to the APEC First Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) and Related Meetings scheduled from 14-28 February 2023 in Palm Springs, California, the USA; *and*
- iii. disseminate information on 2023 General Project Account (GPA) funding priorities, as well as develop Malaysia's potential concept notes for APEC funding bids.

3. To coordinate Malaysia's overall interests and better develop Malaysia's position on the key initiatives targeted under priorities of APEC

2023, RIRD is proposing to organise the annual domestic engagement session with APEC Malaysian stakeholders, namely, the 2023 APEC Malaysia Conference (AMC 2023) from 30-31 January 2023.

4. For PKKP's information, the conference when held last year, or AMC 2022, managed to garner the attendance and commitment of 40 key Ministries and Agencies involved with APEC work. This year, AMC 2023 aims to further strengthen inter-agency cooperation with private sector involvement, through collaboration and engagement with bodies such as PETRONAS and ABAC.

5. Other than that, among other objectives of AMC 2023 are as follows:

- i. coordinate Malaysia's overall interest in APEC 2023 towards realising the Putrajaya Vision 2040 and other relevant proposed initiatives for APEC 2023;
- ii. work on the potential concept notes with the relevant focal points for the preparation of Project Sessions in 2023;
- iii. strengthen inter-agency cooperation and public-private engagement through working groups and relevant private bodies in carrying forward APEC 2023's deliverables, particularly the ones mandated in the Putrajaya Vision 2040; and
- iv. streamline Malaysia's position and linkage with domestic policies in key APEC work and reinforce the bond among domestic APEC focal points across Ministries and Agencies.

## **B) Recommendation**

6. To ensure the hosting of AMC 2023 remains focused and uninterrupted throughout the 2-day period, it is proposed that the conference be organised in a physical setting. In line with the Government's austerity drive to reduce operational expenses and implement cost-saving measures, RIRD is taking proactive and prudent measures to minimise spending in organising AMC 2023, which is to be held at Seminar Room 1 and 2 in Menara MITI.

7. The total estimated budget for AMC 2023 is RM13,500.00, as detailed in Annex I. Full participation from RIRD is as per Annex II. Participation from APEC sub-fora in AMC 2023 is as per Annex III and the tentative agenda of AMC2023 is as per Annex IV.

8. I forward the proposal in Paragraph 6 and 7 for PKKP's kind consideration and approval, please.

Thank you.



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**PK RIRD**

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**DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL (INTERNATIONAL TRADE)'S**  
**COMMENT**

I support / ~~do not support~~ the application of RIRD to organise the 2023 APEC Malaysia Conference (AMC 2023) from 30-31 January 2023 at a cost of RM13,500.00 by using the operational allocation from RIRD under OS 21000.

Instruction/Comments (if any) .....

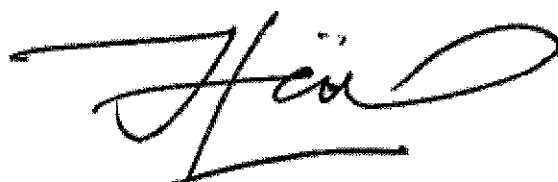
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