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## MEMO

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**JOINT OUTREACH SESSION ON FTA UTILISATION BETWEEN  
MITI, MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY SINGAPORE (MTI)  
AND THE MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE BUSINESS COUNCIL (MSBC),  
6 JUNE 2024, MITI, KUALA LUMPUR**

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### **1.0 OBJECTIVE**

- 1.1 The objective of the Memo is to update and seek KSU's:
- (i) consideration for MITI (Malaysia) to host a Joint Outreach Session with Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) Singapore and Malaysia-Singapore Business Council (MSBC) on implementation and utilisation of FTAs focusing on the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).
- 1.2 The event is being organised in conjunction with the 2nd Malaysia-Singapore Annual Ministerial Dialogue (AMD) scheduled to take place on 12 and 13 June 2024 in Singapore.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The proposal to organise a Joint Outreach Session between Malaysia and Singapore on the CPTPP was mooted by the former KSU of MITI, YBhg. Dato' Seri Isham Ishak during the 1st Malaysia-Singapore Annual Ministerial Dialogue (AMD) held on 14 June 2023 in Kuala Lumpur.
- 2.2 At the meeting, Malaysia highlighted that both countries could collaborate to improve the utilisation of regional free trade agreements (FTAs), specifically the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) drawing on Singapore's experience.
- 2.3 Malaysia suggested that a joint seminar or workshop to share knowledge and experience from Singapore enterprises with SMEs and traders in Malaysia about the benefits of utilising these FTAs in their business operations.



### **3.0 OBJECTIVE AND PROGRAMME OF THE JOINT OUTREACH SESSION**

- 3.1 Based on the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> AMD, BRS had engaged with the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) as the Secretariat to the Malaysia-Singapore Business Council (MSBC) as well as the Singapore High Commission to organise this session.
- 3.2 The theme of the event is "Promoting Stronger Malaysia-Singapore Business Cooperation Through Utilisation of the CPTPP" and the main objectives are to:
- 3.2.1. create further awareness in the Malaysian and Singaporean business community on the opportunities and the benefits of the CPTPP, especially in trade in goods and services as well as investment, thus helping to increase the level of utilisation of CPTPP;
- 3.2.2. exchange of knowledge and experience between MITI and MTI in the implementation of the CPTPP, with an emphasis from Singapore's experience who had implemented the Agreement in 2018; and
- 3.2.3. engage the private sector to increase FTA utilisation in line with Malaysia's NIMP2030 to "*implement national trade advocacy campaign to increase industry utilisation of FTAs*".
- 3.3 The draft programme is attached as per Annex I. The identified speakers will be from MATRADE and MIDA as well as a representative from MTI Singapore. Tan Sri Dr. Nik Norzrul Thani, Chairman of the Malaysia-Singapore Business Council (MSBC) will be attending the session and would be delivering a short remark on behalf of the MSBC.
- 3.4 The audience would encompass representatives and companies based in Malaysia and Singapore with a targeted audience of 100 which would mainly be physical attendees. BRS will also provide a virtual link for video conference. The venue will be Seminar Room 2, MITI Tower.
- 3.5 The proposed budget is RM1,166 for 100 pax covering light refreshments utilising BRS allocation under OS29000 with current balance at RM111,958.80. The budget is attached as in Annex II.

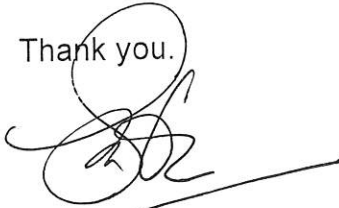
#### **4.0 NEXT STEPS**

4.1 BRS would like to propose Puan Mastura Ahmad Mustafa, TKSU (P) deliver the Opening Remarks on behalf of MITI for the event.

4.2 A report on the outcome of the Joint Outreach Session will be prepared and included in YBM's notes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> AMD.

I hereby forward the proposals in paragraph 3.3 and 4.1 for KSU's consideration, please.

Thank you.



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**COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIVISION**

Finance Division (SUPPORTS) ~~DOES NOT SUPPORT~~ the application for budget for the Joint Outreach Session Between MITI, Ministry of Trade and Industry Singapore (MTI) and The Malaysia-Singapore Business Council (MSBC), Seminar Room 2, MITI Tower, Kuala Lumpur, 6 June 2024 amounting to RM1,166.00 utilising BRS allocation under OS29000 with current balance at RM111,958.80. The division must ensure the following:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compliance with the Government Procurement procedures
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(KALITHASAN A/L KALIAPPAN)  
Finance Director  
Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry

Date: 21 May 2024



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COMMENTS FROM TKSU(P)

*As per para 4.0.*



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MASTURA AHMAD MUSTAFA  
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL (TRADE)  
MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY

DATE : **23** MAY 2024

**JOINT OUTREACH SESSION ON FTA UTILISATION BETWEEN  
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COMMENTS FROM KSU MITI

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DATO' HAIRIL YAHRI YAACOB  
SECRETARY GENERAL  
MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI)

DATE : 23 MAY 2024



**Event title:** Joint Outreach Session - Promoting Stronger Malaysia-Singapore Business Cooperation Through CPTPP Utilisation

**Event description:** The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) entered into force for Malaysia in November 2022 while for Singapore the agreement entered into force in December 2018. As part of the continued implementation of the agreement, this Seminar aims at promoting Malaysia – Singapore businesses to leverage on the CPTPP through greater utilisation of the agreement in trade in goods and services as well as investments. Join this session to explore what the agreement offers for the business community.

Date	:	6 June 2024 (Thursday)
Time	:	9.00 am - 12.00 noon
Venue	:	Seminar Room, MITI Tower, Kuala Lumpur
Those interested to join this session may attend either physically or virtually online. Please click the registration below to register your attendance.		
Registration Link	:	<a href="https://forms.gle/FxiRyRvtyGEGJqb69">https://forms.gle/FxiRyRvtyGEGJqb69</a>
Video Link	:	<a href="https://meet.google.com/tvs-htdo-oyi">https://meet.google.com/tvs-htdo-oyi</a>

Time	Itinerary
8.30 am	<b>Registration and arrival of guests</b>
9.00 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Mastura Ahmad Mustafa, Deputy Secretary General (Trade), Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry Malaysia (MITI)</li> </ul> <b>Short Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tan Sri Dr Nik Norzrul Thani, Chairman of the Malaysia-Singapore Business Council (MSBC)</li> </ul>
9.30-10.15	<b>Session 1</b> Singapore's Experience In The Implementation Of The CPTPP - TBC Ms Elizabeth Chelliah, Principal Trade Specialist Ministry of Trade and Investment Singapore (MTI)
10.15-10.45	<b>Session 2</b> Leveraging Malaysia-Singapore Trade Ties Under The CPTPP Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE)
10.45-11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.00-11.30	<b>Session 3</b> Enhancing Malaysia-Singapore Investment Opportunities With The CPTPP Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA)
11.30-12.00	<b>Session 4</b> Understanding Rules of Origin under CPTPP for Your Exports Industry and Trade Support Division, MITI
12.00 noon	End of Programme

**ANNEX II**

**PROPOSED BUDGET**

**JOINT OUTREACH SESSION BETWEEN MITI, MINISTRY OF  
TRADE AND INDUSTRY SINGAPORE (MTI) AND THE MALAYSIA-  
SINGAPORE BUSINESS COUNCIL (MSBC), SEMINAR ROOM 2,  
MITI TOWER, KUALA LUMPUR, 6 JUNE 2024**

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ITEM	COST
<b>A. Participants refreshment / coffee break</b>	
• RM10.00 x 100 pax x 1 day	RM1,000.00
• SST 6%	RM 60.00
<b>B. Contingency (10%)</b>	RM 106.00
<b>TOTAL COST (A + B)</b>	RM1,166.00