



## **OPENING REMARKS**

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**MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MALAYSIA  
TRILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN MALAYSIA,  
TÜRKIYE AND THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT  
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**His Excellency Hakan Fidan**

**Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of  
Türkiye,**

**His Excellency Dr Kao Kim Hourn,  
Secretary-General of ASEAN,**

- 1. On behalf of Malaysia, I warmly welcome you and your delegation to this Trilateral Meeting between Malaysia, Türkiye, and the ASEAN Secretariat.**
- 2. The ASEAN-Türkiye Sectoral Dialogue Partnership was established in 2017. Since then, our partnership has grown steadily, grounded in shared goals of peace, economic resilience, and people-to-people connectivity.**
- 3. Today, we stand on a solid foundation of cooperation, spanning the three ASEAN community pillars. The Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) 2024–2028, provide a forward-looking framework to deepen our collaboration in several key areas.**

- 4. These include the domains of political security cooperation, trade and digital economy, education, disaster management, and sustainable development.**
- 5. In further consolidating this partnership, Malaysia welcomes expanding our defence industry cooperation as well as that of technology transfers.**
- 6. Our economic relations are set to grow even further, with collaborations through the Türkiye-ASEAN Business and Investment Forum, and its support for MSME development and innovation partnerships.**

- 7. Türkiye's experience in the realm of e-governance, can be a great source of expertise in advancing digital integration, diversifying supply chains, and building collective resilience, and help us navigate current geo-economic challenges.**
  
- 8. On the socio-cultural front, initiatives like the Türkiye Scholarships-ASEAN Joint Scholarship Programme, training of ASEAN diplomats, and proposed cooperation on technical and vocational education and digital skills development, will reinforce our people-to-people links and nurture lasting cross-cultural ties.**

**Excellencies,**

- 9. Malaysia believes that ASEAN and Turkiye's shared values, have resulted in the two being natural partners to champion multilateralism, peace, stability, prosperity, equality, justice, and humanity on the global stage.**
- 10. As principled and responsible members of the international community, we should lend our collective voices towards advocating a peaceful and just resolution to conflicts around the world, including the dire situation in Gaza.**
- 11. We must call for Israel to be held accountable, for its unrelenting violations of international law. Impunity has**

**emboldened it to attack other countries, and it will continue to destabilise the region and beyond if left unchecked.**

- 12. In closing, let us continue to strengthen our cooperation and chart a clear path forward that delivers tangible benefits for our peoples.**

**Thank you.**