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2023 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (BIMP-EAGA) STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING (SPM)

Bandar Seri Begawan, 6th-8th February 2023

Yang Mulia Dr. Hajah May Fa'ezah binti Haji Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy, Trade and Industry) at the Ministry of Finance and Economy, delivered a welcome remark officiating the 2023 BIMP-EAGA Strategic Planning Meeting (SPM) at Mulia Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan held on 6th to 8th February 2023. Also present during the event was YM Mohammad Harris bin Brigadier General (B) Dato Paduka Haji Ibrahim, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Trade and Industry) at the Ministry of Finance and Economy.

In her welcoming remarks, YM Puan Dr. Hajah May Fa'ezah highlighted a number of directives from the 25th BIMP-EAGA Ministerial Meeting which include 'Accelerating Cooperation Together BEV2025 Mid-Term Review (MTR)' and the need for BIMP-EAGA to lay the groundwork for BIMP-EAGA's Post 2025 agenda. In this regard, she commended the timely organization of the Post BIMP-EAGA Vision 2025 Forum, which will add value to the substantive discussion and serve as reference for the formulation of EAGA's own agenda post 2025. Invited speakers are from Asian Development Bank, ASEAN Secretariat and United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

The 2023 BIMP-EAGA SPM will discuss among others, existing Rolling Pipelines of Projects (RPOPs), identify RPOPs for the period of 2023 to 2025, and the implementation plan for these projects and initiatives. It is expected that the discussion will focus on the quality of the projects and its effective implementation that will have the most impact and benefit for the sub-region.



To wrap up the event, a BIMP-EAGA Senior Official's Retreat will be held on 8 February 2023 to discuss the various initiatives being undertaken in BIMP-EAGA, as well as matters pertaining to the sub-region's cooperation with Development Partners particularly Northern Territory, Australia, The People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea and Japan.

The SPM is held annually, gathering all relevant stakeholders in the growth area to strategize and chart the direction of their cooperation for the year. Established in 1994, BIMP-EAGA is an initiative among Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines to accelerate socioeconomic development in the sub-region.



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Yang Mulia Dr. Hajah May Fa'ezah binti Haji Ahmad Ariffin, Setiausaha Tetap (Ekonomi, Perdagangan dan Industri) di Kementerian Kewangan dan Ekonomi, telah menyampaikan ucapan pembukaan bagi merasmikan 2023 *BIMP-EAGA Strategic Planning Meeting* di Mulia Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan yang diadakan pada 6hb hingga 8hb Februari 2023. Turut hadir semasa perasmian berkenaan adalah YM Mohammad Harris bin Brigadier Jeneral (B) Dato Paduka Haji Ibrahim, Timbalan Setiausaha Tetap (Perdagangan dan Industri) di Kementerian Kewangan dan Ekonomi.

Di dalam ucapannya, YM Puan Dr. Hajah menekankan arahan-arahan dan cadangan-cadangan yang dikemukakan semasa Mesyuarat Menteri-Menteri BIMP-EAGA kali ke-25 termasuk Laporan *Accelerating Cooperation Together BEV 2025 Mid-Term Review (MTR)*, dan keperluan untuk menyediakan asas bagi halatuju BIMP-EAGA paska 2025. Di dalam hal ini, YM Puan Dr. Hajah menyatakan bahawa Forum *Post Vision 2025* tersebut dijalankan tepat pada masanya yang mana ianya akan menambah nilai kepada perbincangan substantif serta menjadi rujukan di dalam penggubalan agenda EAGA pasca 2025. Penceramah jemputan terdiri daripada Asian Development Bank, Sekretariat ASEAN dan *United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)*.



Mesyuarat 2023 BIMP-EAGA SPM pula akan membincangkan antarlain *Rolling Pipelines of Projects (RPOPs)* yang sedia ada, mengenalpasti RPOPs bagi tahun 2023 hingga 2025, dan pelan pelaksanaan projek-projek dan aktiviti-aktiviti berkenaan. Perbincangan berkenaan akan memfokuskan kepada kualiti projek dan pelaksanaan yang efektif dan dapat menyumbang kepada pembangunan sub-serantau ini.

Permesyuaratan ini akan diakhiri dengan Mesyuarat *Retreat* Pegawai-Pegawai Kanan BIMP-EAGA yang akan diadakan pada 8 Februari 2023 yang mana akan membincangkan antarlain, inisiatif-inisitif di bawah sub-serantau ini serta kerjasama Rakan Pembangunan BIMP-EAGA khususnya Northern Territory, Australia, Republik Rakyat China, Republik Korea dan Jepun.

SPM adalah Mesyuarat tahunan yang bertindak sebagai platform bagi menyusun strategi keutamaan dan hala tuju di kawasan pertumbuhan ini untuk mengukuhkan lagi kerjasama BIMP-EAGA. Ditubuhkan pada tahun 1994, BIMP-EAGA ialah inisiatif diantara Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia dan Republik Filipina untuk mempercepatkan pembangunan sosio-ekonomi di sub-serantau ini.