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THE 47TH MEETING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL TASK FORCE ON ASEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

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- 1. Yang Mulia Dr Hajah May Fae'zah binti Haji Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy, Trade and Industry) at the Ministry of Finance and Economy attended the 47th Meeting of the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration (HLTF-EI) in Desaru, Malaysia on 24th and 25th February 2025. The Meeting was chaired by YBhg. Dato' Hairil Yahri Yaacob, Secretary-General, Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry, Malaysia.
- 2. The Meeting was joined by high-level officials from all ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the ASEAN Secretariat, as well as Timor-Leste as an observer. The Meeting discussed the global and regional outlook, the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025, sustainability initiatives under the ASEAN Economic Community as well as updates on the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans.
- 3. The Meeting also discussed the 18 proposed Priority Economic Deliverables (PEDs) for Malaysia's 2025 ASEAN Chairmanship under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability". These PEDs fall under four (4) strategic thrusts, namely (i) Enhancing Trade and Investment; (ii) Creating an Inclusive and Sustainable Pathway; (iii) Promoting Integration and Connectivity of Economies; and (iv) Building a Digitally Resilient ASEAN. In particular, the meeting deliberated on the PEDs under the purview of the ASEAN Economic Ministers and SEOM.

4. The HLTF-EI serves as the advisory role on strategic matters relating to ASEAN economic community building, amongst others to provide strategic guidance in charting the future directions, and to deepen ASEAN's economic integration in the region and its engagement in the global community.

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