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6th ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK BOARD OF GOVERNORS ANNUAL MEETING

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- 1. Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II attended the 6th Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Board of Governors (BOG) Annual Meeting, as Vice Chair of the AIIB BOG Meeting and Governor of Brunei Darussalam at the AIIB. Also present at the meeting were Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy (Economy) and Alternate Governor of Brunei Darussalam at the AIIB, and Yang Mulia Awang Haji Khairuddin bin Haji Abdul Hamid, Permanent Secretary (Investment).
- 2. The Annual Meeting, themed "Investing Today, Transforming Tomorrow", started with a keynote speech by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Ruler of Dubai. This was followed by a Welcoming Address by H.E. Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, AIIB BOG Chair and UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology, and remarks by the AIIB BOG Vice Chairs, Yang Berhormat Dato Dr. and H.E. Mr. Guy Parmelin, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors, AIIB and President of the Swiss Confederation. The AIIB President, H.E. Jin Liqun, also took the floor to share developments of the Bank's initiatives.
- 3. In his capacity as the Vice Chair of the AIIB BOG Meeting, Yang Berhormat Dato Dr. delivered a statement to emphasise three priority areas that could shape the future namely:
 - i) Increasing investments to enhance sustainable and resilient infrastructures to support the revitalisation of economic activities, cross-border trade and services, and movement of people;
 - ii) Establishing conducive eco-systems that promote digitalisation, and enable all stakeholders to benefit from accessible and secure digital platforms and technology; and
 - iii) Balancing the pursuit of economic development and environmental preservation. Related to this, Yang Berhormat Dato Dr. welcomed AIIB's commitment to the overall sustainability agenda through the launching of AIIB Corporate Strategy, "Infrastructure for Tomorrow".
- 4. A Roundtable Session was subsequently held, where Governors, among others, deliberated the AIIB's support in mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis and preparing for post-COVID as well as the Bank's efforts on climate finance.

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