



WIEF ROUNDTABLE, KOTA KINABALU 2020

‘Economic Rejuvenation: The Path to Growth’

12-13 March 2020

The Magellan Sutera Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

PROGRAMME

Introduction

Sabah’s strategic location in the South China Sea and its diverse ethnic population, has made the state an attractive investment destination. Its economic development has been driven by agriculture, palm oil, tourism, mining and manufacturing.

Sabah’s Vision 2025 will turn the state into a resource-based manufacturing location of choice in Asia, while petroleum, palm oil and cacao will remain its most exported commodities. Besides agriculture, Sabah’s tourism industry has become an important contributor to its economy.

The path to economic growth and rejuvenation for Sabah has been paved by interests and investments from investors, both local and foreign. The Roundtable will discuss and showcase the multitude of trade and investment opportunities in the state.

11 March 2020

- 1.00 pm Networking Golf
Venue: Sutera Harbour Golf and Country Club, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
- 7.30 pm Welcoming Dinner (for Speakers only)
Hosted by the Hon. Chief Minister of Sabah
Venue: Ballroom 1, Level 1, Magellan Sutera Resort, Kota Kinabalu

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- 8.00 am Arrival of Guests & Registration
Refreshments

9.10 am

OPENING CEREMONY

National Anthem (Negaraku) & Sabah State Anthem (Sabah, Tanah Airku)

Doa Recitation

Welcoming Remarks of YABhg Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF Foundation to be read by YBhg Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak, Secretary General, WIEF Foundation

Opening Keynote Address by YAB Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd. Shafie bin Haji Apdal, Chief Minister of Sabah

Presentation of Memento

9.40 am

Session 1

Forging Sustainable Development: Impacting the Future

Humanity is reshaping the natural world. Our current use of resources is now at a breathtaking scale. The Global Footprint Network estimates we now consume resources that would require 1.7 planets to produce sustainably.

Governments are challenged to fulfil their SDG commitments, but businesses have a key role to play in providing the know-how as well as the technologies to reach the objective in more efficient and innovative ways.

The session will explore:

- how partnerships could help close the skills and gender gap, fight disease, broaden the benefits of trade and protect biodiversity.
- how technology can be used to help create a sustainable future

Speakers:

- Hazmi Yusof, Managing Director, Frost & Sullivan, Malaysia
- Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dato Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Rector, International Islamic University Malaysia
- Christy Owen, Chief of Party, USAID Green Invest Asia, Thailand
- Faroze Nadar, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact, Malaysia

Moderator:

- Kamarul Bahrin bin Haron, Vice President, Editor-in-Chief, Astro AWANI Malaysia

11.10 am

Session 2

Promoting Investments During Challenging Times

High quality investment is a catalyst to development that brings major benefits to countries and regions, in terms of enhanced financing, export capacity, growth, employment, skills and technology transfer as well as support governments efforts in poverty alleviation.

However, global economic volatility in the past few years is expected to continue. With such projected landscape, governments need to review their strategies to promote investments into their respective economies particularly in a highly competitive and rapidly changing local and global environment.

The session will explore:

- best practices and new ways to approach the challenges and opportunities created by FDI especially against the backdrop of the 4IR
- positive linkages and effects of FDI on local enterprise development
- other appropriate policies and strategies to promote more enabling environment

Speakers

- Tan Sri Abdul Majid Khan, Executive Chairman, Jaycorp Berhad, Malaysia
- Ahmad Khairuddin Bin Abdul Rahim, Deputy Chief Executive Officer II, Malaysian Investment and Development Authority (MIDA), Malaysia
- Mohamed Abida, Acting Head, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Centre of Excellence, Malaysia

Moderator:

- Fui K. Soong, Director, CENSE Media, Malaysia

12.30pm

Lunch / Informal Networking

2.00 pm

Session 3

Indonesia's Shifting Capital: Opportunities for Borneo

With mounting pressures faced by Jakarta, the Indonesian Government has made a bold and strategic decision to move its capital city 2,000 kms away to East Kalimantan, Borneo. This move would provide an impetus for the island of Borneo to thrive economically, benefitting many of its neighbouring states.

This session will explore:

- logistical and financial commitment as well as infrastructure upgrades by the Indonesian Government,
- economic impact, benefits and opportunities for collaboration between Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei;
- challenges including security and migration faced by the states in Borneo;
- environmental concerns arising from the relocation
- other consideration impacting stakeholders

Special Address on “**Indonesia’s New Capital: Moving to Borneo**” by Tri Dewi Virgiyanti, Director of Urban, Housing and Settlement, Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas), Indonesia

Speakers:

- The Hon. Pengiran Dr. Haji Mohd Yakub bin Pengiran Haji Othman, Advisor, Brunei-China One Belt One Road Association, Brunei Darussalam
- H.E. Emmanuel F. Pinol, Chairman, Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Philippines
- Hajjah Nor Zalida Ahmad, Head of Communications, Lebuhraya Borneo Utara, Sarawak, Malaysia
- Datuk Seri Panglima Wong Khen Thau, Chairman, MICCI Sabah Branch, Malaysia

Moderator:

- Dr. Firdausi Suffian, Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs, Universiti Teknologi MARA Cawangan Sabah, Malaysia

4.00 pm

Session 4

Sabah Focus – Investment Opportunities in Sabah

Sabah with its strategic location, natural resources, harmonious population of diverse ethnicity have made the state a unique destination for investments. As at December 2017, the state has implemented a total of 761 manufacturing projects with investments worth RM15.1 billion that have created more than 90,000 jobs. This is in line with Sabah’s vision to be the resource-based manufacturing location of choice in Asia by 2025.

This session will showcase:

- the innovations and business opportunities available in Sabah;
- the areas of interest for foreign investments;
- government policies and economic incentives for investors.

Keynote Address by YB Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Trade and Industry, Sabah

Speakers:

- Datuk Ismail Ibrahim, Chief Executive, Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA), Johor, Malaysia
- Datuk Dr. Mohd Yaakub Haji Johari, Chief Executive Officer, Sabah Economic Development and Investment Authority (SEDIA), Sabah, Malaysia
- Lynette J Hoo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, POIC Sabah Sdn Bhd, Sabah

Moderator:

- Dr Farizal bin Mohd Razalli, Senior Lecturer, Center for Politics, History and International Affairs, National University of Malaysia

5.30 pm **End of WIEF Roundtable**
Refreshments / Informal Networking

8.30 am to 6.00 pm **Sabah Exhibition**
One day mini exhibition of Sabah local products will be showcased during the Roundtable.

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8.00 am to 10.00 am **Business Networking Breakfast (BNB)**
The Business Networking Breakfast will allow like-minded individuals to network in an informal setting and to discuss business opportunities, relevant issues and challenges in their respective industry.

Join us and be part of BNB. You will walk away with newly acquired international connections crucial for your business development and growth. Business clusters addressed at this mini BNB are:

- Infrastructure
- Technology
- Agriculture
- SMEs

10.30 am
to
3.00 pm

Business Site Tour

Explore the world of industrial tourism in Sabah!

The organizer has arranged for a tour of Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC) and Kota Kinabalu Industrial Park (KKIP), showcasing facilities available which were developed through comprehensive master planning, careful management and continuous infrastructure development.

DISCLAIMER / NOTES:

- The Organisers reserve the right to alter the content and timing of the programme in the best interest of the Roundtable and is not responsible for cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Programme as of 11 March 2020