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ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' RETREAT, LANGKAWI, KEDAH 19 JANUARY 2025

Minister of Foreign Affairs Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad Haji Hasan will chair the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat (AMM Retreat) on 19 January 2025, in Langkawi, Kedah. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat is the first scheduled meeting in the annual ASEAN calendar at the Ministerial level under Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship for 2025.

The AMM Retreat will involve the participation of Foreign Ministers and senior officials from ASEAN Member States. The Foreign Minister of Timor-Leste will also be participating as an ASEAN Observer. Also attending is the ASEAN Secretary-General, and a representative from Myanmar.

During the Retreat, Malaysia will present the priority areas and deliverables for its Chairmanship under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability." Malaysia will highlight its leadership in strengthening the ASEAN Community through the identified priority areas and deliverables, which span the three pillars: political-security, economic, and socio-cultural. This will reflect Malaysia's objective of fostering a more integrated, inclusive, and sustainable ASEAN, while enhancing regional peace, stability, and prosperity.

The Retreat will also discuss ASEAN's strategic direction, efforts to strengthen the ASEAN Community, and ASEAN's external relations. The meeting will review follow-up actions on the decisions made by ASEAN Leaders during the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits, held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in October 2024. Additionally, ASEAN Foreign Ministers will exchange views on current developments in regional and international issues, including the crisis in Myanmar, geopolitical tensions, and other challenges affecting regional peace and stability.

The Foreign Minister will also take the opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts to discuss issues related to strengthening ASEAN and bilateral relations.

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