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**PUBLIC LECTURE BY MS. HELEN CLARK
“SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR A
PEOPLE-CENTRED ASEAN”
19TH OCTOBER 2015 (MONDAY)**



From 25-27 September 2015, world leaders gathered in New York to review the success and remaining challenges of the Millennium Development Goals, and adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the Development Summit of the United Nations General Assembly. The 17 SDGs, which will set the future course of economic and social development over the next 15 years, are aspirational, comprehensive and holistic. They are people-centered and aim to end poverty in all its forms and promote healthy lives and wellbeing for all. They are also planet-sensitive, seeking to drive urgent action to

combat climate change and its impact and to conserve and responsibly use oceans and marine resources for sustainable development.

In view of Malaysia’s role as the chair of ASEAN with the vision to build a truly integrated ASEAN and to become one community, it is both timely and befitting to learn from **Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Chair, United Nations Development Group** in her lecture **“SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR A PEOPLE-CENTRED ASEAN”**. IDFR in collaboration with UNDP and Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute, ASLI will host the lecture on **19th October 2015 (Monday) at Auditorium, IDFR at 9.00 a.m.** The Honourable Dato’ Sri Reezal

Merican Bin Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs will deliver the welcoming remarks.

During this lecture, Ms. Clark will outline the 17 SDG's and its key principles for consideration by member states and the citizens of ASEAN to establish a politically cohesive, economically integrated, and a truly people-oriented region with common prosperity.

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