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**ASEAN ANNIVERSARY FORUM – ASEAN: FORGING AHEAD TOGETHER
28TH OCTOBER 2015 (WEDNESDAY)**

The ASEAN Post-2015 Vision and its Integral Documents are the outcome of a year's planning and discussions. They reflect the determination of ASEAN Member States to forge ahead with the next phase of ASEAN's evolution. To discuss the ways of moving forward with the ASEAN Vision, the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), in collaboration with the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat (AMNS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Institute of ASEAN Studies and Global Affairs (INSPAG), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) will be organising the ASEAN Anniversary Forum 2015 themed "**ASEAN: Forging Ahead Together**" on **28th October 2015 (Wednesday)**, from **8.45 a.m to 1.00 p.m** at **IDFR's Auditorium**. **The Honourable Dato' Sri Anifah Haji Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia will be delivering a keynote address and subsequently officiates the Forum.**

This Forum is one of the annual events held to commemorate the ASEAN Anniversary, which is in its 48th year of its inception. It will be moderated by **H.E Ambassador Dato' Muhamad Noor Yacob**, Director of Asia Pacific Centre for Economic Diplomacy (APCED Malaysia). The panellists are as follows:

- i. **Dr. Farish A. Noor**, Distinguished Fellow IDFR and Associate Professor of S.Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore;

- ii. **Ambassador Dato' Dr. Mohd Yusof Ahmad**, Lecturer of Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM);
- iii. **Mr. Herizal Hazri**, Country Representative, the Asia Foundation for Malaysia; and
- iv. **Dr. K.S. Balakrishnan**, Senior Lecturer, Department of International and Strategic Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University Malaya.

The objective of the forum is to provide a platform for members of the public service, the academia, the private sector, NGOs and the diplomatic community to openly discuss on specific themes related to ASEAN.

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