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**FORUM ON
'THE FUTURE OF ASEAN UNDER MALAYSIA'S CHAIRMANSHIP'
11 JULY 2024
ZENITH HOTEL, PUTRAJAYA**

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) will be organising a forum entitled **'The Future of ASEAN Under Malaysia's Chairmanship'** at **Zenith Hotel, Putrajaya** on **Thursday, 11 July 2024** from **10:00 am to 12:00 noon**.

Malaysia will assume the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2025. In doing so, Malaysia will host a variety of ASEAN programs, meetings, and summits, as well as set a clear course to navigate ASEAN towards a bright future. Therefore, this forum will bring together experts from academia and the industry to possibly draw lessons from their insights and experiences through a comprehensive and balanced discussion. The three panellists with expertise related to the topic of the forum are: Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh, Director, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, the National University of Malaysia (UKM), Professor Ruhanas Harun, Professor at the Department of International Relations, Security and Law, Faculty of Defence Studies and Management, National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM), and Dato' Dr. Ilango Karuppanan, Adjunct Professor, University of Malaya (UM), and a member of the Association of Former Malaysian Ambassadors (AFMA).

While recognising ASEAN's achievements through these years, the discussion will also address some of the existing and future challenges by providing different perspectives on the necessary steps to facilitate Malaysia in successfully steering the ASEAN agenda in 2025 and beyond, with a view to making ASEAN a respected and influential regional organisation.

The forum will be attended by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other Ministries and Agencies, members of the academia, captains of industry, and researchers.

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