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**REPORT LAUNCH
'A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE: ASEAN-AUSTRALIA TIES AFTER
THE FIRST 50 YEARS'**

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The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) in collaboration with the Australian High Commission is honoured to host a report launch titled: "*A Partnership for The Future: ASEAN-Australia Ties After the First 50 Years*" at IDFR Auditorium on Tuesday, 11 June 2024 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

The report "*Comprehensive Strategic Partners: Australia and ASEAN after the first 50 years*" offers an up-to-date stocktake of ASEAN-Australia relations, from Australia becoming ASEAN's first Dialogue Partner in 1974 through to the establishment of the ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2021 and the celebration of 50 years of ASEAN-Australia ties in 2024. Co-authored by Professor Nicholas Farrelly (University of Tasmania and Australia-ASEAN Council Board Member), Dr Lina Alexandra (Centre for Strategic and International Studies Jakarta), Ms Sharon Seah (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), and Dr Kimly Ngoun (Asian Vision Institute), the report reflects on fifty decades of cooperation and looks forward to the future with a series of recommendations.

In this event, the report will be presented by two of the co-authors, Professor Nicholas Farrelly and Dr Lina Alexandra, followed by responses from a panel of two Malaysian experts namely Mr. Thomas Daniel (Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia) and Dr Nur Shahadah Jamil (Universiti Malaya).

The report launch is expected to be attended by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government ministries, foreign embassies, corporate organisations, as well as members of the academia and think tanks.

**KUALA LUMPUR
10 JUNE 2024**