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**AMCHAM Press Statement**  
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- 1. Amcham has urged the gov't to reconsider the blanket ban on foreign citizens. Has it gotten any feedback from the government already? What has been discussed so far?**

The Chamber has been in direct communication with the relevant government agencies to obtain clarification where needed, and to share the concerns of our members. We hope to work together to smoothen the process, however, we have yet to engage with them on deeper discussion on this matter.

- 2. The United States has the highest number of total infected cases and by allowing someone from the States to enter Malaysia will definitely pose a challenge, any recommendation or win-win situation we could achieve with them?**

Malaysia already has stringent controls and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in place to manage the flow of incoming individuals, such as having to obtain the Director-General of Immigration's permission prior to entering the country, and undergoing COVID-19 testing upon arrival coupled with a strict 14-day quarantine. Coupled with the very high protocols placed by U.S. firms on their employees and contractors, we believe that the combination of these measures would be sufficient to minimize the risk.



**3. Instead of putting a blanket ban on those countries with more than 150,000 cases, do you think it is wiser to look at each country's daily infected cases? What's your thought on this?**

Considering the number of current and active cases, having removed the numbers of deaths and recoveries, would be a more accurate and current measure of risk. Furthermore, the population size of each country varies greatly so looking at the percentage of active cases in relationship to the population of the respective country would also offer a more accurate representation of the infection status. This would also allow a country to be removed or added to the list as their risk levels change. The current process methodology is unidirectional and once your country is listed it cannot be removed.

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