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AMCHAM commends the coordinated efforts of the Malaysian government

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 JANUARY - The American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) would like to commend the coordinated efforts of the Malaysian government, its ministries, departments and agencies, especially the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) for its role in the smooth implementation of MCO 2.0.

The sustained engagement and open communication between MITI and industry has enabled businesses to continue their operations with minimal disruption in these initial days. The quick and effective release of information has helped executives communicate them to staff along with regional and global offices in order to make informed decisions.

Knowing that they have a collaborative working relationship with government bodies directly or via interlocutors like the Chamber, provides stability and assurances to customers locally and globally.

AMCHAM member companies are fully aware that strict adherence to SOPs is vital to minimizing the spread of COVID-19 and, along with their own efforts, are encouraging their local ecosystem to also maintain strict compliance to SOPs. and remain vigilant. They are also aware of the criticality of their operations in Malaysia to global value chains and appreciate being able to operate at full capacity, within strict guidelines.

While the imposition of a national State of Emergency by His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong yesterday almost immediately after the announcement of the MCO 2.0 was unsettling, businesses remain hopeful that their operations, eco-system and the economic livelihood of Malaysians will be minimally impacted.

AMCHAM will continue to provide support to both our member companies and the Government in this collective fight against the global pandemic, putting the safety of the people first while balancing the needs of the economy.

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The American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) was founded in 1978 as an international, non-profit, private-sector business association. It comprises more than 1200 members representing about 280 American, Malaysian and other international companies with strong ties to American business. The Chamber is a member of the AmChams of Asia Pacific.

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