
**PRESS STATEMENT
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 23 – The American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) applauds the recent swift actions taken by the Malaysian Government and specifically the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in engaging with the business community upon the announcement of the Movement Control Order by YAB Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

AMCHAM is very pleased with YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade and Industry, for inviting us to the special consultative meeting, held on 17 March 2020. More importantly, during the meeting, due consideration was given towards the importance of keeping industry wheels turning in ensuring the continuance of the supply chain for Malaysia and our trade partners around the world, more particularly for companies involved in the production of essential goods.

Furthermore, AMCHAM welcomes the decisive move by the Malaysian Government, via the National Security Council (NSC), in approving applications from companies within the manufacturing industry which produces essential goods, including the Electrical and Electronics (E&E) sector. Essentially, these approvals have ensured the business continuity and sustainability of these sectors.

AMCHAM commends the additional measures which the Malaysian Government has prescribed as a precondition for continued manufacturing operations. And AMCHAM thanks all government officials who have provided clarity on these requirements in short notice, thus ensuring full compliance by our member companies and the business community at large.

AMCHAM strongly believes that containing the COVID-19 pandemic is of paramount importance. Rest assured, during this difficult period, our member companies, which come from various manufacturing and service sectors, continue to be committed to the health and safety of their employees by adhering to the highest possible standards of occupational health and safety.

In these uncertain times, AMCHAM and our member companies stand ready to support the Malaysian Government in facing this global challenge. We are very encouraged by the Malaysian Government's ongoing efforts in addressing the industry challenges for the whole eco-system, ranging from SMEs to MNCs and in introducing processes that permit critical operations to continue without compromising the health and safety of our workforce.

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Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures and MITI's officers have surely risen to the occasion in providing top-notch services to the business community. On behalf of its member companies, AMCHAM would like to express our utmost appreciation to the Malaysian Government, particularly MITI, for their herculean round-the-clock efforts in processing urgent applications from companies in need of their support. AMCHAM is confident that all of these efforts and measures by MITI, will benefit the business community and most importantly the country, in this trying time.

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