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SELANGOR ASEAN BUSINESS CONFERENCE (SABC) 2025: SELANGOR DRIVES INCLUSIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY AS MALAYSIA ASSUMES ASEAN CHAIRMANSHIP

Over 800 delegates and 27 speakers convene in Kuala Lumpur to chart sustainable growth pathways for ASEAN.

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 OCTOBER 2025 – The 9th Selangor ASEAN Business Conference (SABC) 2025 officially opened today at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre bringing together more than 800 delegates, 27 speakers and 5 moderators from across ASEAN and beyond.

Held on 8–9 October 2025 as part of the bigger Selangor International Business Summit (SIBS) 2025, this year's conference carries the theme "Selangor, the Gateway to a More Inclusive and Sustainable ASEAN," aligning with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025 and ASEAN's regional theme of "Inclusivity and Sustainability."

Selangor as ASEAN's Gateway

Selangor remains a cornerstone of Malaysia's economy, contributing 26.2% of national GDP and recording a strong 6.3% GDP growth in 2024. Anchored by world-class infrastructure such as Port Klang and Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Selangor continues to serve as ASEAN's hub for trade, connectivity and innovation.

Forward-looking initiatives like the First Selangor Plan (RS-1) and the upcoming Second Selangor Plan (RS-2) reinforce the state's commitment to sustainability, digitalisation, and inclusivity. These policies, combined with thriving superclusters in aerospace, logistics, and geopolitics, highlight Selangor's growing role in advancing an AI-driven and sustainable economy.

High-Level Participation

Prominent speakers include YBhg. Tan Sri Nazir Razak, Chairman of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council Malaysia and senior representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA), BP Batam, PEZA (Philippines), BKPM (Indonesia), SEZO (Laos) and AI Forum Cambodia.

Timely ASEAN Discussions

Against the backdrop of ASEAN's projected 4.7% growth in 2025, record FDI inflows of USD230 billion, and evolving global shifts such as BRICS expansion, supply chain disruptions, and climate challenges, SABC 2025 sets the stage for critical dialogue on:

- Aerospace & Industrial Growth – positioning ASEAN in advanced industries
- Logistics & Supply Chain Connectivity – enhancing regional trade flows
- Geopolitics & Technology – navigating power rivalries and digital transformation
- Talent, Innovation & Leadership – preparing ASEAN's next generation

Special presentations from Indonesia's Ministry of Investment (BKPM) and the Philippine Board of Investments (BOI) will highlight new investment opportunities across the region.

According to YBhg. Dato' Hasan Azhari Hj Idris, CEO of Invest Selangor Berhad:

“As Malaysia takes on the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025, Selangor is proud to position itself as the gateway to ASEAN. This conference is about actionable strategies—how we can grow sustainably, strengthen our economic resilience, and ensure inclusivity across all member states.”

About SABC

Last year, SABC welcomed over 500 participants, including 27 speakers and panellists from ASEAN and Timor-Leste. Building on this momentum, SABC 2025 complements the ASEAN 2025 Summit by providing a platform for intellectual exchange and business networking, reinforcing Selangor's role as a regional leader in inclusive and sustainable growth.

The Selangor ASEAN Business Conference is a key component of the Selangor International Business Summit (SIBS) 2025, held from 8–11 October 2025 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. Organised by Invest Selangor Berhad on behalf of the Selangor State Government, SIBS 2025 is expected to attract over 700 exhibitors and 50,000 visitors.

For more information, visit www.selangorsummit.com or follow @selangorsummit on social media.

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About Invest Selangor Berhad:

Invest Selangor Berhad is the Selangor State Government's investment promotion agency, facilitating business growth and investment opportunities in Malaysia's most developed and competitive state. As a one-stop center, it provides advisory services, market insights, and facilitation for local and international investors looking to establish or expand in Selangor the gateway to ASEAN.

With a strategic location, world-class infrastructure, and a thriving business ecosystem, Selangor continues to attract high-value investments across diverse industries, reinforcing its position as Malaysia's economic powerhouse. Since 1999, Invest Selangor has successfully facilitated over 6,730 manufacturing projects, contributing to the creation of 489,464 jobs and securing more than RM237.7 billion in investments.

Invest Selangor also drives the Selangor International Business Summit (SIBS) and the Selangor Aerospace Summit (SAS), key platforms connecting industry leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs across South East Asian region and beyond. Through strategic initiatives, it remains committed to a resilient, sustainable, and innovative economy, reinforcing Selangor as the preferred destination for global investors.

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