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**WORKING VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY ANTONY BLINKEN, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MALAYSIA****14-15 DECEMBER 2021**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Honourable Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, will receive His Excellency Antony Blinken, Secretary of State of the United States of America on his inaugural visit to Malaysia from 14 to 15 December 2021. Secretary Blinken is also scheduled to call on The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The visit by Secretary Blinken will provide an excellent opportunity for Malaysia and the US to further strengthen the multifaceted cooperation and explore new joint initiatives. The ongoing active collaboration in such areas as trade and investment, digital and green economy, cyber-security, defense, health, tourism, education, and people-to-people ties has brought tremendous benefits to both sides. International and regional issues of common concerns will also be addressed during the visit.

The US is one of Malaysia's major trading partners and investment. In 2020, Malaysia-US trade was valued at RM178.18 billion, while the total amount of investments approved from the US in the manufacturing sector in Malaysia was valued at RM3.7 billion. The US-Malaysia Comprehensive Partnership continues to be an overarching framework for pro-active, multifaceted, and mutually beneficial collaboration between the two countries.

The visit will be held in full compliance with the prevailing COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in Malaysia.

**PUTRAJAYA****8 DECEMBER 2021**