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**STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALAYSIA, DATO' SAIFUDDIN
ABDULLAH ON THE PASSING OF MR.CHOO YIP CHEAN IN HUALIEN, TAIWAN**

It is with deep regret that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia informs the passing of Mr Choo Yip Chean, the Malaysian tourist who was injured at the Taroko Gorge National Park in Taiwan recently. Mr. Choo who had been under an intensive care following the 6.1 earthquake in Hualien, Taiwan on 18 April 2019 succumbed to his injuries late last night.

I spoke to a family member of the late Mr Choo Yip Chean to convey personally our deepest sympathies and condolences on this loss. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through Malaysian Friendship and Trade Centre in Taipei is now assisting the late Mr. Choo's family to undertake the necessary procedures. Our thoughts and prayers are with his families and friends during this difficult time.

The Ministry would like to seek the understanding of the media and the public to respect the feelings of the family members during this difficult period.

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