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Asean Exchanges chief executive officers at the dialogue meeting with Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** (seated, centre) in Kuala Lumpur recently.

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Asean Exchanges CEOs meet to further integrate capital markets

KUALA LUMPUR: Chief executive officers (CEOs) of seven Asean stock exchanges (Asean Exchanges) have agreed to cooperate on the use of digital and social media tools to promote greater awareness and knowledge among investors about investment opportunities in the region.

These include the use of Twitter and Twitter-based hashtags to consolidate news and conversations around Asean investment products.

"The emergence of Asean as an integrated capital market is already happening. Asean Exchanges will

continue to support this development and partnership in the spirit of competitive-collaboration," Bursa Malaysia CEO Datuk Tajuddin Atan said in a joint statement after the 22nd Asean Exchanges CEOs meeting that ended on Thursday.

"Asean Exchanges will continue to provide investors an easy access to the diverse investment opportunities" in the region, he added.

The other CEOs are Phan Thi Tuong Tam of Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange, Tran Van Dzung of Hanoi Stock Exchange, Ito Warsito of Indonesia Stock Exchange, Hans

B. Sicat of the Philippine Stock Exchange, Magnus Bocker of Singapore Exchange and Kesara Manchusree of the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

The CEOs also met with the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for a dialogue on how to further harmonise and integrate Asean capital markets in order to better support the growth of all member economies.

The seven Asean Exchanges have a combined market capitalisation of approximately US\$2.4 trillion (RM8.57 trillion) with more than 3,000 listed companies.