

# PM to lead M'sian delegation at Apec

Impact of pandemic among issues to be discussed with regional economic leaders

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob will lead the Malaysian delegation at the Apec (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) today.

All 21 Apec economic leaders are expected to participate virtually in the meeting set to be chaired by New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Themed 'Join, Work, Grow, Together', the AELM is expected to deliberate on issues related to revitalising the region, socially and economically.

"Recognising the need to swiftly address the impact of Covid-19, the AELM will also explore efforts and collaborations necessary to accelerate economic recovery and create sustainable growth for the region in the post-pandemic era," reported

Bernama on a statement released by the International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti).

Miti said Malaysia is expected to share the nation's views on strategic collective efforts with regard to mutual vaccine recognition, safe measures for cross-border travels, intensifying technology and innovation, as well as the advancement of sustainability and green growth that could reap future benefits in fostering regional recovery.

At the end of AELM, Apec leaders are expected to endorse the 2021 Apec Economic Leaders' Declaration as well as adoption of the Implementation Plan of Putrajaya Vision 2040 to chart the trajectory of Apec over the next two decades.

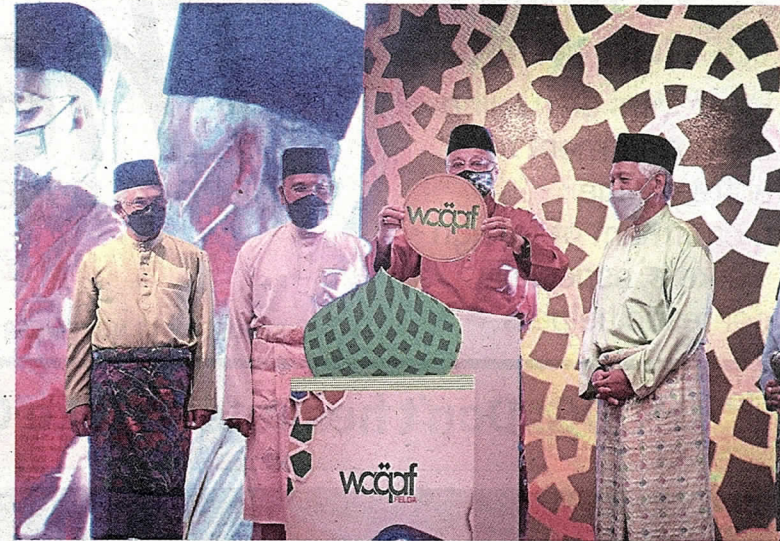
Apec launched Putrajaya Vision 2040 in November 2020, under which the world's most dynamic

regional economies will cooperate toward building an open, dynamic, resilient and peaceful Asia-Pacific.

"Indeed, this will progressively advance towards achieving its vision by 2040, for the prosperity of all our people and future generations," said Miti.

In leading up to the AELM and as part of the active engagement with the private sector, the Apec economic leaders will hold a dialogue with the Apec Business Advisory Council (Abac).

Ismail Sabri, together with permanent members of Abac Malaysia, Datuk Rohana Mahmood, Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam Abdullah and Tengku Muhammad Taufik Tengku Aziz, will participate in the discussion on the way forward for the region to successfully emerge from the health crisis.



**Plan in the works:** Ismail Sabri with (from left) Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council chairman Datuk Dr Mohd Daud Bakar, Minister in Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Senator Idris Ahmad, Felda chairman Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh during the launch of Wakaf Felda at Menara Felda. — Bernama

Meanwhile, Ismail Sabri said the government is drawing up a National Wakaf Master Plan, a holistic plan to strengthen wakaf (endowment) management in Malaysia.

The Prime Minister said that under Budget 2022, the government has allocated a RM10mil start-up fund to launch the initiative on Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Halal Wakaf, Agriculture Wakaf and Disaster Wakaf.

"Wakaf has become a part of the 12th Malaysia Plan framework. The Fifth Focus and Sixth Focus outline the critical role that needs to be played by the wakaf institution in helping Keluarga Malaysia (Malaysian Family) to escape the clutches of poverty.

"This is in line with efforts to diversify financial resources to fund businesses and increase bumi-putra equity," he said.