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PUCM'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY

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Chinese Ambassador to Malaysia

Dato Keith Li

Founding president of PUCM

Ladies & gentleman,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and very good evening to you all!

1. First of all, I would like to congratulate PUCM (China Entrepreneurs Association in Malaysia) on its third anniversary and on their efforts in promoting Malaysia-China relations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on the first anniversary of the publication of their official magazine, "Malaysia-China Entrepreneurs."

2. As we are all aware, China is one of the major economic powers of the world, and of course, an important partner of Malaysia, in terms of trade, and people-to-people relations.

3. China has been the largest trading partner of Malaysia for the past 10 years, and Malaysia has been the largest trading partner of China in Southeast Asia for the past decade.

4. The bilateral trade volume between Malaysia and China hit a record high last year.

5. According to the data provided by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, our trade volume for 2018 was close to 80 billion US dollars (RM325.9 billion).

6. Last year, there were almost 3 million Chinese visitors from China, while there were 1.3 million Malaysian visitors to China.

I was informed that for the 2017-2018 period, Malaysia saw an increase of 30% of tourists from China.

Thank you for visiting our country. Please do come again.

7. In 2018, the largest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the manufacturing sector originated from China.

These figures show us how important China is to Malaysia and vice versa.

8. 45 years ago, Malaysia was the first country in Asean to establish diplomatic relations with China, and bilateral relations between both countries have been growing steadily since then.

9. Malaysian companies have ventured into China and are key investors there with a total investment of over USD 7.5 billion (RM30.64 billion).

10. Though Malaysia saw a change of Government last year, let me assure you that our ties with China remain as strong as ever.

In fact, we expect our ties and friendship to grow even stronger now.

11. For bilateral trade and investment, I believe associations like PUCM can play an important role in enhancing bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

12. I understand that PUCM has been actively organising seminars, workshops and friendly exchanges to foster good relations between Chinese entrepreneurs from China and local Chinese entrepreneurs in Malaysia.

13. As an entrepreneurs' association composed of investors and businessmen from China, PUCM has worked on building contacts and friendships with Malaysian businesses and societies for the last 3 years.

14. During its first year of publication, PUCM's official magazine has been very useful in keeping its members and the public abreast of the activities and development of the companies from China in Malaysia.

15. We, in Malaysia are always open to investments in our nation, provided it does not flout any laws and provides a win-win situation for all.

16. We would also like to have more Chinese tourists coming to Malaysia to enjoy our hospitality, multicultural and multiracial society, weather and of course, our durians and the mouthwatering cuisine available everywhere.

17. I would like to wish all the members of PUCM great success in their future endeavors.

18. We are counting on your contributions to enhance bilateral cooperation and the friendship between both our countries.

19. Let's celebrate 45 years of Malaysia and China diplomatic ties.

Let us cherish and enhance these ties to even greater heights.

20. Once again, I would like to wish PUCM a happy 3rd anniversary and all of the guests here tonight a very Happy Chinese New Year.

21. May 2019 be a prosperous one for you and your families.

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Gong Xi Fatt Chai

Thank you.

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