



FORUM EKONOMI MALAYSIA 2026

Event Pack

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AGENDA

5 FEBRUARY 2026 | KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE

HALL 6C, LEVEL 1 HALL 6A, LEVEL 1 HALL 4 & 5 HALL 1 & 2 FOYER AREA, LEVEL G

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

HALL 6C, LEVEL 1

FEM 2026 Opening Remarks

YB Tuan Haji Akmal Nasrullah bin Haji Mohd Nasir
Minister of Economy

9:20 AM to 10:10 AM

HALL 6C, LEVEL 1

Progressing towards an AI Nation

Discover how Malaysia is shaping its future as an inclusive and sustainable AI-powered nation by 2030. Discuss the vision behind the National AI Action Plan 2026-2030 covering strategic policies, talent development, infrastructure, ethical practices and investments to build a trusted and competitive ecosystem.

Moderator

Mr. Giorgio Migliarina
Group Chief Technology & Digital Officer, Maybank

Speaker

Mr. Sam Majid
Head, National AI Office (NAIO)

Mr. Laurence Liew
Director of AI Innovation, AI Singapore

Professor Ir. Dr. Chan Chee Seng
Department of Artificial Intelligence, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, Universiti Malaya (UM)

9:20 AM to 10:10 AM

HALL 6C, LEVEL 1

Managing Sustainability and Energy Transition

Explore Malaysia's push to deliver sustainable GDP growth, create higher value jobs, and achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Discussions will include unlocking investment opportunities of the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR). The panel will also delve into cross-border renewable energy trade including the ASEAN Power Grid, financing models and public-private partnerships.

Moderator

YBhg. Datuk Shahril Azuar Jimin
Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Maybank

Speaker

YAB Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof
Deputy Prime Minister II & Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation

Ms. Kim-See Lim
Chief Investment Officer, Public Sector (Region 1), Financial Institutions & Funds (Global), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

YBhg. Dato' Ir. Muhammad Nazri Pazi
Senior Chief Strategy, Regulatory & Sustainability Officer, TNB

10:10 AM to 11:00 AM

HALL 6A, LEVEL 1

Made by Malaysia: Accelerating Technology Applications & Innovation

Developing the high-growth, high-value (HGIV) industries and high-impact strategic sectors are essential to advancing economic complexity and progress toward developed status, in line with the MADANI Economy's thrust to raise the ceiling. How can Malaysia drive innovation more effectively in these sectors such as semiconductor? Join the discussion on strengthening Research & Development & Commercialisation & Innovation (R&D&C&I), boosting productivity, and empowering MSMEs to scale and compete globally.

Moderator

Mr. Suhaimi Ilias
Group Chief Economist, Maybank

Speaker

YB Tuan Liew Chin Tong
Deputy Minister of Finance

Mr. Bill Deng
Founder & CEO, XTransfer

Mr. Ooi Ching Liang
General Manager, Business Development, SkyeChip

10:10 AM to 11:00 AM

HALL 6C, LEVEL 1

Healthcare Reform: Towards Equitable, Affordable & Quality Healthcare

Rising medical inflation and disease burdens are universal issues across the world. Malaysia's medical inflation is projected to reach 15% in 2025, compared with 11% in Asia Pacific and 10% worldwide. Digital reforms to make healthcare more accessible and people-centred through strong governance, innovative financing models including setting up a national health fund and evolving insurance and telehealth product design, digital solutions, public-private partnerships, and Rakan KKM initiatives.

Moderator

Professor Dr. Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh
Department of Public Health Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

Speaker

YB Datuk Seri Dr. Haji Dzulkefly Ahmad
Minister of Health

YBhg. Datuk Dr. Kuljit Singh
President, Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia (APHM)

Dr. Ramesh Rajenthiran
Operating Partner, TVM Capital Healthcare

11:00 AM to 11:50 AM

HALL 6A, LEVEL 1

Trade and Investment Strategies for Diversification and Global Market Expansion

Tariff uncertainties and geopolitics are creating new opportunities while intra-ASEAN trade offer tremendous growth potential with half of ASEAN's projected 800 million population expected to become middleclass by 2045. Discuss strategies to boost Malaysia's trade and 'Made by Malaysia' exports, expand global networks through free trade agreements, and leverage near-shoring for advanced manufacturing. This session also addresses trade friction, ASEAN economic integration and new market opportunities such as BRICS.

Moderator

Dr. Frederic Neumann
Chief Asia Economist and Co-Head of Global Investment Research Asia, HSBC

Speaker

YBhg. Dato' Mastura Ahmad Mustafa
Deputy Secretary General (Trade), Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry

YBhg. Datuk Koong Lin Loong
Treasurer-General, Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCIM)

Mr. Luiz de Mello
Director, Country Studies Branch, Economics Department, OECD

Mr. Julian Neo
Managing Director, DHL Express Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam

11:00 AM to 11:50 AM

HALL 6C, LEVEL 1

Building & Attracting Future Ready Talent

Talent is the cornerstone of any transformation efforts to leapfrog ahead. Examining the Higher Education Policy 2026-2035, this session aims to discuss policy priorities to bridge the academic-industry gap, tackle brain drain and brain gain, ensure competitive wages, and allocate resources efficiently for upskilling and re-skilling to build a future-ready workforce for Malaysia's high-value economy.

Moderator

Mr. Anisul Rahman
CEO, Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI)

Speaker

YB Tuan Adam Adil Abd Halim
Deputy Minister of Higher Education

Mr. Edward Ling
Director, Country Studies Branch, Economics Department, OECD

Dr. Hari Narayanan
CEO, Penang Skills Development Centre (PSDC)

YBhg. Dato' Chu Jenn Weng
Founder, President and Group CEO, VITrox Corporation

11:50 AM to 12:40 PM

HALL 6A, LEVEL 1

Housing Reform: Increasing Quality Living, Ownership & Regulatory Efficiency

Malaysia's housing landscape continues to face mixed challenges, with house prices rising faster than household incomes, and property price-to-income ratios consistently remaining above the affordability benchmark. What could the future of equitable housing ecosystem look like especially in urban areas? This session explores initiatives to improve liveability and home ownership, including establishing a single housing agency, and advancing Rent-to-Own schemes, iBS (Industrialised Building System), BIM (Building Information Modelling), urban regeneration and regulatory reforms.

Moderator

Professor TPr. Dr. Mariana Mohamed Osman
Dean, Kulliyah of Architecture and Environmental Design (KAED), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

Speaker

YB Tuan Nga Kor Ming
Minister of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia

Sr. Dr. Suraya Ismail
Chairman, Khazanah Research Institute (KRI)

Mr. Rafe Haneef
Group CEO, MBSB

11:50 AM to 12:40 PM

HALL 6C, LEVEL 1

Preparing for an Ageing Nation

Malaysia is projected to become an aged nation by 2048, when the proportion of citizens aged 65 and above reaches 14% of the total population. Guided by the National Ageing Blueprint, join us to navigate Malaysia's demographic transition and implications. Adopting a whole-of-society approach, we will focus on priorities including sustainable long-term care, healthcare system reform, and social protection, to ensure dignity, security and quality of life for Malaysia's ageing population.

Moderator

YM Dato' Dr. Tengku Aizan Tengku Abdul Hamid
Chairman, Private Pension Administrator Malaysia (PPAM)

Speaker

YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri
Minister of Women, Family and Community Development

Mr. Nazaful Affendi Zainal Abidin
Chief Strategy & Services Officer, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan) [KWAP]

Ms. Makiko Matsumoto
Employment Specialist, International Labour Organisation (ILO)

12:40 PM to 1:40 PM

HALL 4 & 5, LEVEL G

Lunch

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

FOYER AREA, LEVEL G

Arrival of VVIP Guests

2:30 PM to 2:40 PM

HALL 1 & 2, LEVEL G

Introduction, Negaraku and Doa Recital

Moderator

YB Tuan Haji Akmal Nasrullah bin Haji Mohd Nasir
Minister of Economy

2:40 PM to 2:45 PM

HALL 1 & 2, LEVEL G

Welcoming Address

Speaker

YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim
Prime Minister of Malaysia

2:45 PM to 3:05 PM

HALL 1 & 2, LEVEL G

Plenary Address – Humanistic AI for Malaysia

Relating to the aspirations of the 13th Malaysia Plan and National AI Plan, drawing on a lifetime of experience as a technology entrepreneur and innovator, Tom Gruber explores what it takes to build a thriving innovation ecosystem, such as that which gave rise to Siri, highlighting the importance of an open culture of technology based on university research, a network of commercial online services, and access to scalable infrastructure that enabled a small startup to have the impact of large corporations. As an alternative to viewing AI as a technology for displacing human labour, he offers insights on how Humanistic AI can address human needs by augmenting human intelligence and creativity, and collaborating with humans in the workplace. Gruber will also speak about how emerging markets like Malaysia can succeed on their own terms, and how professionals could thrive as AI reshapes the future of work. He closes with an inspiring call to live with bold ambition and harness the power of AI to tackle society's greatest challenges.

Speaker

Mr. Tom Gruber
Co-Founder & Former Chief Technology Officer, Siri

3:05 PM to 3:25 PM

HALL 1 & 2, LEVEL G

Keynote Address

Speaker

YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim
Prime Minister of Malaysia

3:25 PM to 3:35 PM

HALL 1 & 2, LEVEL G

Launch

Launch & Group Photo

Moderator

YBhg. Dato' Fad'l Mohamed
CEO, Bursa Malaysia

Speaker

YB Senator Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan
Minister of Finance II

YBhg. Dato' Sri Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour
Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia

4:00 PM to 4:25 PM

HALL 1 & 2, LEVEL G

Fiscal & Monetary Policies

Malaysia's economic outlook in 2026 is expected to remain resilient with real GDP growth forecasted to be between +4.0-4.5%, sustaining the momentum of the estimated +4.0-4.8% for 2025. Amid continuation in global uncertainties, this session on fiscal financing an investment-driven growth, tax and subsidy reforms, monetary policy strategies, and the broader socioeconomic developments that must take place to achieve the aims of the MADANI Economy and address key challenges to growth.

Moderator

YBhg. Dato' Sri Khairussaleh Ramli
President & Group CEO, Maybank

Speaker

YB Tuan Haji Akmal Nasrullah bin Haji Mohd Nasir
Minister of Economy

4:50 PM to 5:40 PM

HALL 1 & 2, LEVEL G

Firestorm Chat with the Minister of Economy

The 13th Malaysia Plan marks a pivotal phase in delivering the economic, social and sectoral outcomes of the MADANI Economy. Through national corporations into action through various roadmaps and strategic initiatives. The Plan targets real GDP growth of 4.5%-5.5% per annum, underpinned by resilient domestic consumption, sustained investment upcycle, and restructuring to position Malaysia as a value creation-based economy, anchored on technological capabilities. Central to this transformation is the ambitious goal to elevate Malaysia as a powerhouse that produces globally competitive 'Made by Malaysia' products. Join us for this important, forward-looking discussion on Malaysia's economic transformation and policy priorities to move into new frontiers.

Moderator

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EVENT LAYOUT

FLOOR PLANS



Hall 1 & Hall 2, Level G (Opening Ceremony) Hall 6C, Level 1 (For Panel Sessions) Main Entrance

Hall 4 & Hall 5, Level G (Refreshment Area) Main Foyer Area Escalator

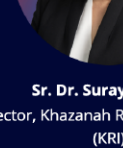
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Prayer Room

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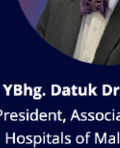
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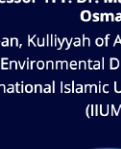
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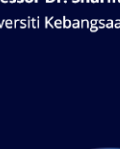
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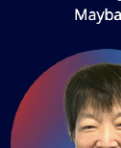
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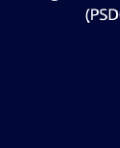
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