



15th IMT-GT Ministerial Meeting

Report of the Chairperson of the 15th IMT-GT Senior Officials' Meeting

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- **IMT-GT Working Groups have largely responded to Leaders' Summit Directives**
- **Challenge:** Make **IMT-GT** more responsive in light of global financial crisis, other developments
- Importance of Mid-term Review of Roadmap, Consultations on the program

Overall Progress of IMT-GT

1. Initiatives of various Working Groups of Joint Business Council (JBC)
2. Intergovernmental Agreement on the Establishment of Center for IMT-GT Cooperation (CIMT)

Major Agreements to Enhance IMT-GT Cooperation

1. Lead Country of WG to rotate every 5 years, starting with 2nd Roadmap (2012-2016)
2. Accelerated development of website
3. Cross-cutting themes (Energy, Environment, Natural Resources) to be mainstreamed in WGs' activities
4. Post-Summit Planning Meeting to plan for implementation of Summit directives

Reports of Working Groups

Working Group	Developments
Infrastructure and Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expansion of land, air and sea transport links- Inclusion of Buketa/Bukit Bunga Bridge and Takbai Bridge in Roadmap- New projects which meet criteria may be included in Roadmap
Trade and Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Progress in trade/ investment facilitation, promotion, information compilation- Creation of IMT-GT Trade, Investment & Tourism Database (ITITD) and Task Force
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Success of Visit IMT-GT Year 2008 and dynamic tourism alliances- Promotion of IMT-GT brand and other tourism products

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Halal Products and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pioneering work for Halal testing and certification- Integrated Halal Superhighway and training in Halal Forensic Laboratory- Introduction of IMT-GT Halal brand
Human Resource Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Harmonization of competency standards for those adopting MRA for labor mobility- UNINET- network of institutions to facilitate future training programs
Agriculture, Agro-based Industry and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exchange of knowledge/ technology in various fields- New proposals in livestock biotech, bioenergy, agro-industrial zones

ADB Assistance to IMT-GT:

Support for CIMT; Development of IMT-GT Connectivity Corridors (CC)

Proposed 2009 Initiatives:

- I. Continuing IMT-GT CC development
- II. Capacity Building
- III. Institution Strengthening
- IV. Private sector development
- V. Knowledge products



NEXT MAJOR EVENTS

- **4th IMT GT Summit, Bangkok, Thailand, 15 December 2008**
- **CIMT lead in drafting 4th Summit Leaders' Statement**
- **Preparatory Meetings to prepare for Summit**
- **Next IMT-GT SOM- in Melaka, Malaysia**

Thank you!