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#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Third Governors' and Chief Ministers' Forum (The Forum) was convened in Trang, Thailand on the 15 February 2007. The Indonesian delegation was led by Governor of Riau Island Province, Bapak Hj. Muhammad Sani and the delegation from Thailand was headed by the Governor of Trang Province, Mr. Anont Manusranich, The Right Honourable Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamad Khir bin Toyo, the Chief Minister of the State of Selangor, Malaysia headed the Malaysian delegation and acted as the Chairperson of the Forum.

2. The Chairperson insisted amendment be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum's report on the attendance of the Chief Minister of the State of Melaka, Datuk Seri Hj. Mohd. Ali bin Mohd. Rustam.

The list of delegation is attached as Annex I.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING SESSION**

2. The Chief Minister of Selangor State, The Right Honourable Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamad Khir bin Toyo expressed his special thanks to the the Governor of Trang for the warm welcome to all the delegations from the IMT-GT region and congratulated H.E for being an excellent host and on his great effort in organising the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum in Trang, Thailand. He then introduced the members of the Malaysian delegations and called upon The Governor of Trang, Vice Governor of Riau Island Province and the Chairman of Joint Business Council (JBC) to introduce their delegations respectively.

The full opening remarks is as Annex II.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4. The Forum considered and adopted the Agenda of IMT-GT 3<sup>rd</sup> Governors' and Chief Ministers' Forum which appears as Annex III.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

5. The Forum appointed two (2) representatives from each country as members of the drafting committee as follows:

- |    |           |   |                          |
|----|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| a. | Indonesia | - | Mr. Jondi Indra Bustian  |
|    |           | - | Mr. Mugi Syahrialdi      |
| b. | Malaysia  | - | Mrs. Aziah Kamruddin     |
|    |           | - | Mrs. Mazidah Ahmad Ramli |
| c. | Thailand  | - | Mr. Sitthi Leekpai       |
|    |           | - | Mrs. Achanee Boonchai    |

## **AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORT AND UPDATE OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> IMT-GT GOVERNORS' AND CHIEF MINISTERS' FORUM**

6. The Honourable Dato' Tang See Hang, Selangor State Executive Councillor presented the Report and highlighted and updated the activities approved by the Forum in the previous meeting.

Detailed report is as Annex IV.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT AND UPDATE OF IMT-GT JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL (JBC)**

7. Mr. Somkiat Anuras, Chairman of JBC Thailand briefed the Forum that JBC has formed four (4) Working Committee namely Trade and Investment, Infrastructure, Agriculture an Agro-based and Tourism. He updated the Forum on the activities / programs endorsed in the previous meeting such as the IMT-GT Roadmap for Development, the preparation of the Visit IMT-GT Year 2008 and the progress development of the IMT-T Plazas. He then forwarded JBC's proposal rose upon the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> council meetings, among others, seeking endorsement and facilitation from the Forum and the government of the IMT-GT regions on the proposed activities / programs / projects in the area of tourism such as establishing more Tourism Information Centre; development of budget hotels, ferry terminals, duty free shopping complex; organising conference; cooperation in the three-star hotel industry; and as in the area of infrastructure it involves the commitment and expeditious facilitation from various

department, putting up road signages, chartered flight schedules of airlines, television and radio broadcasting. As for the areas of trade and investment, JBC proposed, among others, collaboration in the field of bio-diesel production and rubber and rubber-wood industry, organising Trade Missions to several provinces and states to study bureaucracy system within the IMT-GT region and development of Halal Food Industrial Area.

8. JBC also informed that the Government of Thailand has endorsed the inclusion of six (6) new provinces into the IMT-GT Region.

9. The Forum agreed to the proposals made by the JBC.

10. Indonesia welcomed the development of the Information Centre Plaza in Batam for economic and tourism development, requested Asmara Airline for the new route destination in Batam that would link Kuala Lumpur, Medan and Hat Yai, supported the study tour on bureaucracy system profile for the development of potential cooperation and welcomed ADB's program for the regional development.

11. Malaysia agreed on the proposals and has notified the importance of the Northern Gate's development of Malaysia. Malaysia will coordinate with respective airlines of Indonesia and Thailand for Asmara Air to operate within their regions. Malaysia suggested a study tour visit to provinces and states within the IMT-GT regions to gather information and create better business networking. Selangor informed that the 430 acres of land for the Halal Hub industry has all been taken up but invited delegations to visit his office in the promotion of 2,000 acres of land nearby Shah Alam for the Malaysian International Halal Park (MIHAP). Perlis State has offered land for the development of budget hotels and has invited the counterparts from Indonesia and Thailand to his office for further discussions.

12. Thailand supported the proposal for ADB to seek more involvement from the private sectors in the IMT-GT Roadmap for Development, the development of Wang Kelian – Wang Pracham to facilitate land transport between Satun and Perlis as alternative to Satun – Perlis highway, thus, will upgrade route between Satun – Wang Pracham in 2008 and for Asmara Air as one of the IMT-GT Airline and wish for that Airline to operate between Thailand's airports in Southern Thailand with destination in Malaysia and Indonesia.

13. The Forum noted that the next JBC's meeting will be held in May 2007 in Perak.

The Report of IMT-GT JBC appears as Annex V.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER MATTERS**

13. H.E. Muhammad Sani, the Vice Governor of Riau Island Province presented a briefing on **"Government Policies On Business Investment In Riau Archipelago Province.**

The Forum Briefing appears as in Annex VI.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: CLOSING**

14. The Chairman thanked the delegates for their valuable contributions and expressed that programs such as the Visit IMT-GT Year 2008 be made known to the world, urged members of the IMT-GT to work together as a team with full commitment and cooperation and help 'sell' IMT-GT to the world and for IMT-GT to create its own market niche.