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MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE EMPHASISED COMMITMENT TO ENHANCE THE DIGITAL ECONOMIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES

Ministers from both countries to attend 12th Muzika together

Malaysia's Minister of Communications and Multimedia, Gobind Singh Deo, and Singapore's Minister for Communications and Information, S Iswaran, will grace the 12th Muzika Ekstravaganza (Muzika) as guests of honour on Friday, 5 October 2018.

2. Hosted by Malaysia, the annual variety co-production reflects the longstanding and excellent cooperation between Singapore and Malaysia in the field of info-communications and media. Muzika will feature artistes from Malaysia's Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) and Singapore's Mediacorp performing around the theme of #kitageng, celebrating togetherness of friendship. It will broadcast simultaneously on Mediacorp Suria and Malaysia's RTM TV2 on the same day at 9.00pm.

3. Back-to-back with Muzika, government officials from Malaysia and Singapore held the Second Joint Committee Meeting of the Malaysia-Singapore Information and Communications Cooperation in Kuala Lumpur, on 4 October 2018.

4. During the one-day meeting, the officials discussed objectives and shared information on their respective activities related to exchange of news, government communications, digital technology, and standards for personal data protection. They also reaffirmed their commitment to work together in the journalists exchange and translators immersion programmes, to bring about closer ties among media people and broadcasters of the two countries.

5. Both countries' representatives reiterated their shared interest in promoting ICT policy coordination on topics that are critical to advancing the two countries' digital economies, and in pursuing measures that spur innovation and encourage the growth of the ICT industry.



6. The 2nd Malaysia-Singapore Joint Committee Meeting on Information and Communications Cooperation was hosted by the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia. YBhg Dato' Dr. Mohd Ali Mohamad Nor, Secretary General of the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia led the Malaysia delegation, while Mr. Gabriel Lim, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Communications and Information, Republic of Singapore led the Singapore delegation, which included officials representing the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and Mediacorp.

7. YBhg Dato' Dr. Mohd Ali Mohd Nor said, "With the rapid development in the communication world and the rise of globalization, it is very important for our two countries to work together in sharing knowledge and resources in order to ensure we will be among the nations that have strong competitive edge at all times."

8. Sharing this view, Mr Gabriel Lim said, "Our world is becoming increasingly interconnected. What happens in another country - whether it is an immediate neighbour or on the other side of the globe from us - can also affect us. What we are discussing today are all key issues that will have a material impact on our policies in the near future. Sharing our views and thoughts on them will help us to respond better and more effectively."