



SEMINAR ON THE MID TERM REVIEW (MTR) OF THE 9TH MALAYSIA PLAN

DATE: 30 JUNE 2008

TIME: 8.30 A.M – 2.00 P.M

**VENUE: GRAND BALLROOM,
KLGCC**

NO. 10, JALAN 1/70D

OFF JALAN BUKIT KIARA

60000 KUALA LUMPUR

**PERSATUAN EKONOMI MALAYSIA
(MEA)**

ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT (EPU)

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The Persatuan Ekonomi Malaysia (Malaysian Economic Association) or PEM takes pleasure in holding a seminar on the Mid Term review of the 9th Malaysia Five Year Plan (2006-2010), just a few days after it has been tabled to Parliament.

The government's five year development plan has always attracted wide interest both within and outside the country as it lays out the country's growth and distribution objectives and the means by which the plan hopes to achieve the development targets. PEM expects that the Mid Term Review (MTR) of the current plan will attract greater attention than before in view of the worrying prospects of slowdown in the world economy, rising world inflation and the dramatic increase in energy and food prices. All these are new issues which were not so apparent when the government launched the 9th Malaysia Plan in 2006. What changes will the MTR make to the five year plan in order to address these new developments?

In particular, will the Federal Government revise or modify its public sector development expenditure programme not only in terms of its overall size but also whether there will be significant changes in priorities in allocating the expenditure programme by sectors, projects and by states? In a report as comprehensive as the MTR, we can also expect the Government to address the issues pertaining to the private sector especially on how to strengthen Malaysia's competitiveness in an increasingly globalised world economy. Some may also be interested to see whether the new political landscape in the country is also a factor in formulating the MTR.

PEM has arranged a seminar with encouragement and support of the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department which is the Government's central agency responsible for coordinating and formulating the policies and projects to be included in the development plan. EPU staff will be present to explain the rationale behind the MTR and to answer questions from the floor after a panel of experts has given their own views on both the macro and specific issues in the revised plan.

As the EPU plays the central role in setting the priorities for the public sector programme, we can all look forward to an interesting session with its senior officers and also with YB Dato' Amirsham Abdul Aziz, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of economic planning, when he delivers his luncheon talk.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE:

8.30a.m : ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

9.00a.m : WELCOME SPEECH

By the President of PEM

9.10a.m : KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9.40a.m : COFFEE BREAK

10.10a.m : PRESENTATION BY EPU

(led by YBhg. Datuk Dr. Sulaiman Mahbob, Director-General)

11.10a.m : PANEL DISCUSSION

1. YBhg. Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan (FMM)

2. Mr. Quah Poh Keat (PLUS)

3. Mr. Suhaimi Ilias (Aseam Bankers)

(Moderator: YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Mohd. Sheriff Mohd. Kassim)

12.10p.m : TALK BY YB DATO' AMIRSHAM

12.40p.m : Q & A

1.00p.m : LUNCH

FEES:

MEMBERS : RM300

CORPORATE MEMBERS : RM300

NON-MEMBERS : RM350

DIAMOND CORPORATE TABLE : RM5000

CORPORATE TABLE : RM3500