

**Summary Speech by Tan Sri Azman Hashim, President of MAJECA at the
Special Session with YAB Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad
37th MAJECA-JAMECA Joint Conference
Monday, 1 July 2019 at EQ, Kuala Lumpur**

- Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia
- His Excellency Dr Makio Miyagawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia
- Mr Mikio Sasaki, President of JAMECA
- Distinguished colleagues of MAJECA and JAMECA
- Honoured guests and speakers
- Members of the press and media
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

“Kon'nichiwa” and Good afternoon.

Yang Amat Berhormat Tun, JAMECA and MAJECA are proud and greatly appreciate your presence with us this afternoon to deliver a Keynote Address at our Annual Joint Conference. Your presence is in spite of your extremely busy schedule – we hear your work load is 3 times more than your previous time as Prime Minister. Thank you Tun.

Your presence today is a testament of the importance you place on the bilateral economic relations between our two countries. You have consistently taken a keen interest in the progress of Government and the private sector relationships between our two countries. The continuation of your Look East Policy under your new Government provides great encouragement for us in MAJECA and JAMECA.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The previous 36th JAMECA-MAJECA Joint Conference was held in Tokyo in November 2018 where I introduced Tun Dr Mahathir for his Keynote Address to an audience of more than 500 Japanese corporate leaders. But in the interest of time, I will not repeat what I have described about him in Tokyo. In any case, we all already know who and what Tun Mahathir is. He is certainly one of the great leaders of the world with his vision, wisdom and very long experience as a Prime Minister. By the way, Tun Mahathir will be 94 years old in 10 days time – 10th July. Happy Birthday in advance Tun and we wish you many, many more years of good health and success. We look forward to your Keynote Speech and also to the Q & A Session thereafter.

YAB,

Our Conference today has the theme “Expanding Trade & Investments between Malaysia and Japan in the Innovative Technologies Sectors”. We had three plenary sessions which focused on:

1. At Plenary 1, our joint collaboration on Smart Manufacturing under the aegis of Industry 4.0. Your Government had on 31 October 2018 launched the National Policy on Industry 4.0 and have outlined the framework to boost Malaysia’s manufacturing sector engaging higher productivity through innovation and higher skilled human resources. Coupled with the Malaysia-Japan Collaboration Platform on Smart Manufacturing with MITI, MIDA, SIRIM, Embassy of Japan, JETRO and JACTIM, we learnt of the efforts and the progress made thus far.

The Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers Industry 4.0 roadmap seeks to educate, collaborate and enable industries to adopt I4.0 and digital technologies to transform their business processes.

Mitsubishi Electric introduced the IT integrated solution called e-Factory, a concept to create smart factories using IoT and FA technologies.

KDDI, one of the leading Japanese ICT company, introduced a way of practical initiation of Smart Factory by production lines visualization via IoT and RPA (Robotic Process Automation) application to various staff tasks.

2. Plenary 2 gave our JAMECA participants an updated insight into the current incentives for investments into the range of Industry 4.0 and nanotechnology investment offerings by MIDA and Invest Selangor.

NanoMalaysia gave us the insight that nanotechnology can be combined with IoT in the creation of physical network, composed of nanomaterials that facilitates exchange of data at the nano level, while JACTIM presented their continuous efforts to encourage Japanese investments into Malaysia.

3. Plenary 3 highlighted the facilitative efforts and the good working relationship between Government through MDEC in particular, with the private sector on rolling out the wide range of digital products and services and many more with good potential for collaboration.

PIKOM gave us an overview of the National eCommerce Strategic Roadmap to accelerate eCommerce growth. South East Asia's strong online culture is driving consumer behavior towards eCommerce that is spawning a host of eCommerce business solutions.

Nippon Platform presented interesting business models in cashless activities while Hitachi-Sunway talked about transforming businesses through digitalization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

These presentations have given us valuable information of the current scenario and the potential impact these innovative technologies and cutting edge developments that can take us forward and shape our lives.

Our Government has provided strategic enablers for us and now it's the private sector that will have to take up the challenge, build capacities and make real-time impact and roll out these new generation products and services.

The challenge therefore is before us and the solutions are also within our grasp.

With these words, I now have much pleasure to invite YAB Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to address us.

Dipersilakan Tun.