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AmBank Deepens FDI Support in China as Johor–Singapore SEZ Gains Strong Investment Traction

AmBank Group continues to reinforce its commitment to supporting foreign direct investment (FDI) into Malaysia, through its participation in *The Investment Opportunities in Johor: Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) Strategic Investment Roundtable* held in Shanghai, China.

In collaboration with the Johor State Government, the roundtable was organised to promote the JS-SEZ and spotlight Johor’s rising position as a key regional investment hub. The session brought together approximately 30 Chinese corporate delegates and featured a high-level delegation from Johor, including YAB Dato’ Onn Hafiz Bin Ghazi, Menteri Besar of Johor; YB Lee Ting Han, Chairman of the State Investment Committee; Tuan Haji Natazha Bin Hariss, Chief Executive of Invest Johor; and Mohd Shahafeez Shaharis, Consul General of Malaysia in Shanghai.

The JS-SEZ, formalised through a bilateral agreement between Malaysia and Singapore in January 2025, has already demonstrated strong early momentum. In his keynote address, YAB Dato’ Onn Hafiz highlighted that within just one year of its inception, Johor recorded approximately RM110 billion in approved investments – the highest in Malaysia’s history – with a significant proportion originating from China.

To date, AmBank has approved approximately RM2.0 billion in financing for new FDI’s, underscoring its active role in supporting the state’s economic transformation and investment inflows.

Christopher Yap, Managing Director, Business Banking, AmBank Group said, “AmBank remains committed to facilitating foreign direct investment into Malaysia by providing end-to-end financial solutions tailored to the needs of international investors. The Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone represents a transformative opportunity for regional growth, and we are proud

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to support this initiative by connecting global investors with the right financial infrastructure, insights and partnerships to succeed.”

Yang Berhormat Tuan Lee Ting Han said “The Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone represents a new chapter in regional collaboration, where Johor and Singapore work together to create a more seamless and competitive investment ecosystem. Our presence here in Shanghai reflects Johor’s strong commitment to engaging global investors, particularly from China, who have played an increasingly important role in our growth story. Financial institutions, particularly Malaysian-based institutions such as AmBank, are key partners in this journey. Their ability to provide tailored financing solutions and on-the-ground support gives investors the confidence to establish and expand operations in Johor. Together, through strong public–private collaboration, we are building not just an investment destination, but a sustainable and resilient economic hub for the region.”

AmBank will continue to actively promote Malaysia as a preferred investment destination, leveraging strategic partnerships and platforms to drive greater FDI inflows and support the nation’s economic growth agenda.

About AmBank Group

AmBank Group is a leading financial services group with over 40 years of expertise in supporting the economic development of Malaysia. We have over three million customers and employ over 8,000 people.

The Group was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia in 1988. It is the sixth-largest banking group by assets in Malaysia, with a market capitalisation of more than RM18 billion as at 31 March 2025.

AmBank Group serves over three million individual and corporate customers. It provides services in wholesale banking, retail banking, business banking, investment banking and related financial services which include Islamic banking, underwriting of general insurance, life insurance, family takaful, stock and share broking, futures broking, investment advisory and asset management services in unit trusts and real estate investment trusts.

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