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### **AmBank Strengthens Korea–Malaysia FDI Partnerships Through One-Stop Financial Support Initiative**

*In collaboration with ASEAN–Republic of Korea Financial Cooperation Centre, Korea Technology Finance Corporation (KOTEC), and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Malaysia*

AmBank Group reaffirms its commitment to supporting foreign direct investment (FDI) from Korea into Malaysia through the hosting of a one-stop financial support briefing and consultation session, jointly organised with key Korean institutions and strategic partners, namely the ASEAN–Republic of Korea Financial Cooperation Centre, Korea Technology Finance Corporation (KOTEC), and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Malaysia.

The session brought together approximately 70 representatives from Korean financial institutions, advisory firms, venture capitalists and business organisations to explore opportunities and financing solutions for Korean companies investing in Malaysia and those exploring market entry.

The initiative reflects AmBank’s growing role in enabling inbound investments, particularly via its Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Desk, established in 2023 with a focus on key corridors such as Korea and China. The session also featured presentations by Korea Trade Insurance Corporation (K-SURE), Woori Bank, Korean Investment Partners, and NH Investment & Securities. The initiative also builds on AmBank’s collaboration with Woori Bank, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in November 2025 to strengthen bilateral investment and trade between Malaysia and Korea.

**Christopher Yap, Managing Director, Business Banking, AmBank Group** said, “At AmBank, we see ourselves as more than a financier. We are a long-term partner to investors navigating cross-border expansion into Malaysia. Through initiatives like this, we aim to provide Korean companies with practical financial solutions, market insights, and access to a strong ecosystem that supports sustainable growth. We are encouraged by the momentum built

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through our partnerships and remain committed to deepening Korea–Malaysia investment flows.”

**Kwak Yongjoo, Director General of Korea Technology Finance Corporation (KOTEC)** said, “KOTEC is committed to supporting the expansion of Korean companies’ investment and market entry into Malaysia by leveraging our proprietary technology appraisal system to enhance their access to financing. Through collaboration with partners such as AmBank and Woori Bank, we aim to bridge the financing gap faced by Korean tech-SMEs with limited local credit history and facilitate cross-border investment flows, thereby contributing to a more robust Korea–Malaysia investment and economic cooperation.”

**Seung-Yong Yang, General Manager of Woori Bank Singapore Branch,** said, "As Korean companies increasingly look to Malaysia as a key destination for cross-border investment, Woori Bank's Singapore Branch stands ready to support them with comprehensive financial solutions — including corporate banking, trade finance, and treasury services. Building on our MOU with AmBank, we are confident that combining our respective networks and expertise will deliver tangible value to Korean investors entering the Malaysian market."

### **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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*Woori Bank, a leading commercial bank headquartered in Seoul, South Korea, is a core subsidiary of Woori Financial Group. Founded in 1899 as Daehan Cheon-il Bank — the first bank established entirely with Korean capital — Woori Bank has over 125 years of history supporting Korea's economic growth and its customers' global expansion. The Bank operates a global network spanning 24 countries across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific, with Southeast Asia positioned as one of its key strategic markets. Through its Singapore Branch and regional subsidiaries across ASEAN, Woori Bank provides comprehensive financial solutions — including corporate banking, trade finance, treasury, and structured finance — to support Korean companies' cross-border investment and business expansion. The Bank remains committed to digital innovation, global expansion, and sustainability to deliver the best financial services to its customers.*

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### **About Korea Technology Finance Corporation (KOTEC)**

Korea Technology Finance Corporation (KOTEC) is a quasi-government institution under the Ministry of SMEs and Startups of the Republic of Korea. Established with a focus on promoting technology-based innovations, KOTEC provides specialized technology appraisals and credit guarantees to technology-driven SMEs and startups, enabling access to financing for companies with strong growth potential but limited collateral or credit history. As part of its strategic mandate, KOTEC is expanding its support framework for the global scaling of Korean enterprises, particularly in key ASEAN markets. Through its global network and strategic partnerships with local financial institutions, KOTEC plays a key role in facilitating cross-border financing, **mitigating credit risks for Korean companies operating overseas**, and supporting the internationalisation of Korean innovative companies. For more information about KOTEC, please visit [www.kibo.or.kr/en](http://www.kibo.or.kr/en)

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