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Malaysia and China Think Tanks Ink Partnership

Top Research Institutions to Boost Relations Through Research, Conferences and Visits

PUTRAJAYA, Nov. 23—The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) have concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will support the comprehensive strategic partnership between Malaysia and China.

In a ceremony witnessed by Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the Prime Minister's Office here today, the MoU was signed by the Chairman and Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, and the Vice President of CASS, Professor Cai Fang.

The MoU between the premier think tanks of Malaysia and China will promote collaboration in research, joint conferences, seminars and the exchange of visits by the scholarly communities of the two countries, particularly in the fields of international relations and economics.

Tan Sri Rastam said, "I am confident that ISIS Malaysia's collaboration with CASS, an institution of world renown, will generate robust ideas and policy recommendations that will bring the two nations even closer. We will pursue joint research and scholarly exchanges at the bilateral level as well as in the regional context. These include ASEAN-China relations and China's Belt and Road Initiative."

Professor Cai added, "We are pleased to forge a partnership with ISIS Malaysia. Malaysia is one of China's closest partners in Southeast Asia. Through the efforts of CASS and ISIS Malaysia, we aim to complement the efforts of our two governments and help realise the common aspirations of the peoples of China and Malaysia and contribute to community building in this region."

ISIS Malaysia, established in 1983, is Malaysia's top think tank with a diverse research focus that includes economics, foreign policy, security studies, social policy, the environment and sustainability studies.

CASS, established in 1977, is the highest academic institution and national research centre in the fields of the humanities and social sciences in China.

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