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GLOBAL MUSLIM BUSINESS FORUM

Empowering the Future: Innovation,
Investment, and Sustainable Growth in
the Muslim World



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The Global Muslim economy is entering a new phase of influence. In 2022, Muslim consumer spending reached USD 2.29 trillion, driven by growth in halal food, pharmaceuticals, modest fashion, travel, and media. Islamic finance assets stood at USD 4.5 trillion and are projected to exceed USD 6.7 trillion by 2027. With a global population of 1.9 billion and rising, Muslims represent one of the most important demographic and economic forces worldwide.

In response, the Global Muslim Business Forum (GMBF) was established in 2022 by the KSI Strategic Institute, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD), and Global One, a UK-based UN-accredited NGO. After successful editions in Kuala Lumpur and Kuching, Sarawak, the 2025 Forum will again be hosted in Kuala Lumpur.

As one of the most dynamic economies in the Muslim world, Malaysia has become a convener of economic transformation, leading platforms in Islamic finance, trade and thought leadership. Serving as ASEAN Chair in 2025, Malaysia bridges East and West, from the OIC and the Gulf to China and the United States, reinforcing its role in shaping cooperation for regional and global stability.

The choice of Kuala Lumpur underscores its status as a modern capital and financial hub. With leading institutions in Islamic finance, trade and innovation, it offers the ideal platform for dialogue, partnerships and sustainable development. Its connectivity and infrastructure make it a natural venue to showcase collaboration across the OIC and beyond.

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PROGRAMME

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8.00am **Arrival of Participants & Registration**

OPENING CEREMONY

9.00am **WELCOME SPEECH**
Tan Sri Majid Khan
Chairman, KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific (KSI)
H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel *(Invited)*
President, Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD)

SPECIAL SPEECHES
The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg
Premier of Sarawak, Malaysia
H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono *(Invited)*
Former President of Indonesia
H.E. Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani
Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan & Former Prime Minister, Pakistan

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim *(Invited)*
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Presentation of Mementos

10.30am **Morning Refreshments & Networking Break**

10.45am **SESSION 1: STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND INNOVATION**
This session explores how countries and businesses in the Muslim world can deepen cooperation to boost trade, attract investment, and promote innovation. Speakers will share perspectives on building partnerships that support sustainable growth and open new opportunities across sectors.

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12.30pm LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Tan Sri Michael Yeoh

President, KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific (KSI) & President, World Digital Chamber (WDC)

GUEST-OF-HONOUR

T.Y.T Tun Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam

Yang di-Pertua Negeri Melaka, Malaysia (Governor of the State of Melaka, Malaysia)

SPECIAL LUNCHEON ADDRESSSES

Hon. Dato Seri Setia Haji Erywan bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd. Yusof *(Invited)*

Second Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brunei Darussalam

Hon. Mr Masagos Zulkifli *(Invited)*

Minister for Social and Family Development, Singapore

Special GMBF Business Excellence Awards

2.00pm SESSION 2: ADVANCING AND REIMAGINING ISLAMIC FINANCE AND BANKING

This session examines the future of Islamic finance and banking, looking at how the sector can innovate, adapt to global changes, and expand its impact. Speakers will discuss strategies to strengthen institutions, develop new products, and ensure the industry continues to drive inclusive growth.

3.15pm SESSION 3: ISLAMIC TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY – DRIVING GROWTH AND BUILDING CROSS-BORDER SYNERGIES

This session looks at the growing role of Islamic tourism and hospitality as engines of economic growth. It will focus on creating cross-border synergies, improving services, and tapping into the rising demand for travel experiences that reflect Muslim values and lifestyles.

5.30pm CLOSING REMARKS

Datuk Seri Mohamed Iqbal Rawther

President, Global Muslim Business Forum (GMBF)

5.45pm End of Forum / Afternoon Refreshments



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The Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD)

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) is an international non-governmental organisation affiliated with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). It represents the private sector of the 57 OIC member countries (via their national chambers, federations, etc.), as well as Muslim-business communities in non-Muslim countries.

World Digital Chamber (WDC)

World Digital Chamber is a global organization envisioned to bridge boundaries and build businesses. We are founded on the commitment to provide a platform for business growth and mutual collaboration across borders. We understand the power of digital technology in transforming businesses, and we strive to leverage it for the greater good. World Digital Chamber is uniquely positioned to be a nexus for digital businesses worldwide. Through a tailored blend of networking opportunities, thought-provoking events, cutting-edge research, and hands-on business exhibitions, we aim to create a synergistic ecosystem for companies and SMEs, with a focus on those in the pivotal regions of ASEAN, China, South Korea, Japan, India, the Middle East, and Europe.

Global One UK

Global One is a UK-based Muslim women-led international development NGO created in 2013. Its approach is unique, by using faith and culture as tools for increasing knowledge and promoting positive behavioural change in communities. Global One also partners locally to create sustainable development solutions in Global Health, Agriculture, Livelihoods and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Since its establishment, Global One has created and delivered innovative and sustainable projects in Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, Somaliland, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal, Lebanon, Syrian and Palestinian refugees in Jordan, and the UK.



The Organisers

KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific (KSI)

KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific is a leading, independent, non-profit Think Tank committed to championing policy dialogue, Asian thought leadership, strategic thinking and promoting the sustainable development goals. KSI aims to promote Knowledge, Strategy and Innovation - hence the initials KSI. We bring together government, business, civil society and thought leaders to discuss issues of strategic importance and foster senior leadership exchanges and high level interaction. We enhance dialogue between governments, business and civil society.

We curate high level international forums, industry summits and national forums and produce reports and policy recommendations to help build better nations and better societies. In a Global Think Tank Index Report carried out

by the University of Pennsylvania, KSI is listed among the world's top 109th for Top Social Policy Think Tanks. We believe in providing ideas and solutions to economic, social and leadership issues. We strongly believe in Public-Private-People Partnership and support Planet, People, and Prosperity.

Core Focus Areas

Economic Competitiveness Strategic Analysis
Business Strategy
Sustainable Development Goals
National Unity
Global Governance
E-Commerce
Human Capital
Intellectual Capital
Social Capital



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