

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Your excellencies,

Esteemed Guests,

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We are at the beginning of a transformative era for the Muslim world—an era defined by innovation, investment, and sustainable growth.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Global Muslim Business Forum 2025 here in Kuala Lumpur, a city known for its spirit of energy, collaboration, progress, and innovation.

Organized in partnership with the KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, the World Digital Chamber, and Global One,

this year's Forum brings together visionaries, investors, policymakers, and changemakers, all united by a shared mission:

to create a more prosperous, resilient, and interconnected future for the Muslim world and beyond.

For nearly half a century, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) has been the voice of the Muslim private sector—facilitating collaboration, unlocking investment opportunities, and advancing sustainable development across the Islamic world.

Muslim consumer spending on Halal products and services has now exceeded USD 3 trillion, with expectations to reach USD 7.53 trillion by 2028, while the global Islamic-finance assets reached almost 5 trillion USD.

This reflects the huge potential of the Islamic economy, its immense power and significant sectoral diversity, from Islamic finance to food, tourism, modest fashion, and more.

Also, Recognizing the importance of innovation and the vital role of impactful entrepreneurs in shaping the future of our economies,

The ICCD established a new Entrepreneurship Development Organization—SKSEED (Saleh Kamel Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development). And I am personally honored to lead this entity, which is dedicated to advancing entrepreneurship across OIC countries and the global Muslim world, supporting the next generation of ethical and purpose-driven entrepreneurs.

Here in Kuala Lumpur, we have a real opportunity to strengthen cooperation, investment, and knowledge exchange across the Islamic world

So let us create an environment that encourages meaningful and long term partnerships.

شكرا جزيلا. Thank you very much.

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