MEDIA STATEMENT

MALAYSIA COMMITS TO SUPPLYING CHINA WITH SUSTAINABILITY-CERTIFIED PALM OIL AND RELATED PRODUCTS

Malaysia is committed to supplying China with Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certified palm oil and palm oil products, said YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Commodities.

He added that Malaysia seeks to cooperate with China in establishing a shared consensus during engagements with the European Union, particularly regarding the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). This collaboration aims to ensure a unified stance and understanding in discussions about the EUDR's implementation and impact. Malaysia looks forward to cooperating with China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) in promoting sustainable development, environmental protection, and addressing climate change through the promotion of the MSPO Certification Scheme in the Chinese market, said Chan. These issues were raised by YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin during a G2G bilateral meeting with Mr. Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, in Beijing last Friday, which received a positive response from the latter.

YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin added that Malaysia is actively addressing the four challenges presented by the EUDR namely Traceability System, Legal Land Title, Deforestation-Free, and No Forced Labour through the MSPO certification scheme which has been mandatory since January 1, 2020.

Apart from the green value chain, YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin said Malaysia welcomes initiatives by the Chinese Government to use biofuel, especially biodiesel and Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). In this regards, Malaysia pledged its support on these efforts in terms of technical information exchange and supplies of biofuels.

YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin also spoke at the Roundtable Dialogue on the Malaysia-China Green Value Chain Partnership: Advancing Low-Carbon Development and a Just Transition in the Palm Oil Sector: Enhancing the Green Economy and Supporting Resilient Recovery in Beijing last Friday. He stressed that developing a green economy requires international cooperation and the joint efforts of all countries. In this process, Malaysia and China will continue to strengthen policy alignment, deepen technical exchanges, and promote the implementation of more green projects for mutual benefit.

"We hope that through this high-level dialogue, we can work with all parties to explore on low-carbon development and transition to palm oil, promoting the green economy and resilient recovery," said YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin.

YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin also held a G2G bilateral meeting with Mr. Zhao Zenglian, Vice Minister of the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), to discuss technical collaboration and trade agreements. "Malaysia looks forward to continued cooperation with the GACC on port supervision and food safety. This is crucial given the smooth collaboration paves the way for exploring international cooperation in key areas, such as palm oil," he said.

YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin led the Malaysian delegation to China for a working visit in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Malaysia and China from 8th to 12th July 2024 recently. The five-day trip was organised by the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities, in collaboration with the Palm Oil Research and Technical Service Institute of the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (PORTSIM) based in Shanghai. He also witnessed MOUs signing between Malaysian and Chinese companies on palm oil and palm oil products supply worth over RM200 million.

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