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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **ISIS Malaysia's first virtual Asia-Pacific Roundtable meeting**

**Kuala Lumpur, 11 June, 2021:** The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, on behalf of ASEAN-ISIS, will host the 34th Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) on 17-18 August 2021 after last year's COVID-19 hiatus. This year's conference will be a **fully virtual** one and the theme, **Disruption Redux**, is a nod to the monumental changes wrought by the pandemic.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is expected to open the roundtable and deliver the keynote address. The prime minister is expected to share his views on domestic developments, trajectory in global affairs, and the state of the Asia-Pacific. His participation represents a tradition of long-standing support from Malaysian prime ministers and amplifies the depth of discussions that is a signature of the APR.

Held annually since 1986, the APR was postponed for the first time in its history last year because of COVID-19. This year's 34th APR will examine how the pandemic has impacted on the region. We will look at the global power and multilateral realignments, political and social challenges in Southeast Asia and the long-term impact of vaccine diplomacy. In light of the evolving issues facing policymakers, this year's conference includes panels that address gaps and opportunities in digital sovereignty and data management between the private and public sectors, and the long-standing fallout of the February 1 military coup in Myanmar.

In another first, the 34th APR is free. Early registration is encouraged due to the limited space. The registration date will be announced on the ISIS Malaysia website and social media pages.

Over the past 33 years, the APR has cemented its position as a premier convention for policymakers, scholars, journalists and opinion leaders to ponder, reflect and debate on strategic issues and challenges relevant to the Asia-Pacific region.

Members of the media are invited to cover the roundtable.

For the latest updates on the 34th APR, visit <https://www.isis.org.my/apr34/>

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**About ISIS Malaysia**

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ISIS Malaysia engages actively in Track Two diplomacy and is a key founding member of several regional networks which promote the exchange of views and collaboration that feed into policymaking.