

## **Enhancing Domestic Growth Through Logistics Masterplan**

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The implementation of the Logistics and Trade Facilitation Masterplan has moved into Phase 2 (2017-2019) which aims at enhancing domestic growth. Transport Minister Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai said after chairing the First National Logistics Task Force (NLTF) Meeting to drive the implementation of the Masterplan launched by YAB Prime Minister in 2015.

However, due to the dynamic development of the logistics and trade facilitation sectors, Liow explained that the Masterplan will be implemented by various ministries and agencies through the 'integrated approach' concurrently. "Going forward, we will implement the remaining Action Items of the Masterplan from all 3 phases concurrently. And in line with 2017 as The Year of Delivery, we will be focusing on delivering not only the outputs but outcomes that will benefit the Rakyat and nation with frontier logistics and trade facilitation that are of high quality", Liow added.

Towards this end, several ground-breaking initiatives have been initiated by the Government as well as the private sector, among which include the proposed development of the Pulau Carey Port-Industrial City Project, East Coast Rail Link (ECRL), Digital Free Trade Zone (DFTZ), Regional e-Commerce and Logistics Hub in KLIA Aeropolis, 24-hour customs facilitation at the borders, and Sabah as the regional logistics hub for East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA).

As chair of the NLTF, Liow welcomed two ministers, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Minister in Prime Minister's Department and Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, Finance Minister II as new members of the NLTF, an inter-ministry task force established to drive and monitor the implementation of the Masterplan.

'I am confident that with the involvement of the two ministers representing key Central Agencies – EPU and MOF, the NLTF will be further strengthened and more robust in implementing the Masterplan to improve the efficiency of the logistics industry. This is critical as logistics support all sectors of the economy, facilitates trade, reduces costs of doing business and contributes to enhancing productivity and economic growth', Liow said.

Liow thanked the members of the NLTF representing the Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR), Ministry of Works (KKR) and Ministry of Transport (MOT), various agencies and departments as well as representative from the private sector including logistics industry players for their undivided support, strong commitment, contribution, and excellent team work in delivering an impressive performance of the Masterplan in 2016. He was confident that with their continued support and hard work the Masterplan will be able to produce yet another outstanding performance in 2017.