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**MALAYSIAN BANKER TAN SRI AZMAN HASHIM AND MSME LEADERS SHARE
ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXPERIENCE AT THE PERDANA LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION
SME LEADERS PROGRAMME 2022**

PUTRAJAYA – The 200 participants of the **Perdana Leadership Foundation SME Leaders Programme 2022 “Knowledge Exchange for Entrepreneurship Excellence”** that took place on 25th May at Perdana Leadership Foundation in Putrajaya were in for a rare hour-long dialogue session with one of the country’s eminent business leaders and Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, **Tan Sri Azman Hashim**. Tan Sri Azman Hashim, who charted an illustrious career as a Chartered Accountant turned banker, shared his experience as a Chartered Accountant turned entrepreneur-banker and business owner.

The Special Dialogue was one of many sessions that took place at this event for micro, small, and medium business leaders. The one-day in-person programme featured speeches by CEOs of MSMEs (micro, small, medium enterprises), breakout sessions facilitated by business leaders, and info talks by SME Corp and MDeC, all geared towards facilitating exchanges of best practices and ideas by entrepreneurs.

Speakers included: **Ms See Wai Hun**, CEO of Juristech; **Puan Saliza Abdullah**, CEO of BG Capital Holdings; **Dr Hanafiah Yussof**, CEO of Robopreneur; **Mr Azlan Shah**, Founder and CEO, Kelava, **Mr Wong Kah Meng**, Co-Founder and CEO, Funding Societies Malaysia; **Mr Mohamed Zakariya Othman**, Head of Big Data Management, TFX Islamic; **Ms Melissa Sim**, CEO, AdEasy; **Mr Rizal Nainy**, CEO, SME Corporation Malaysia; **Mr Mohd Redzuan Affandi bin Abdul Rahim**, Director, Digital Adoption Department, Digital Economy Ecosystem Division, MdeC, and others.

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YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia & Honorary President of Perdana Leadership Foundation, who was overseas at a conference, delivered the closing remarks via a video message at the conclusion of the programme.

The event was officiated by **Dato' Suriani binti Dato' Ahmad**, Secretary-General, Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives, who presented a speech entitled, "Business Leaders Thrive with Continuous Learning and Smart Networking".

In her speech, Dato' Suriani urged Malaysian entrepreneurs to utilise the rich resources of ASEAN Access, a one-stop business information portal that offers "information on trade regulations, market entry, market overviews and service provider databank, among others, for MSMEs intending to internationalize their business." The portal's ASEAN Access Match is a business-matching platform that "aims to boost trade within and beyond the ASEAN region."

The PLF SME Leaders Programme was organised by **Perdana Leadership Foundation and sponsored by Affin Bank (Gold Sponsor), Pernas and AmBank**. Admission to the event was entirely free.

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