

OPENING REMARKS BY
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MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY
FOR MEETING WITH MALAYSIA AEROSPACE INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION (MAIA)

1. As-salaamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh and a very good afternoon.
2. I'd like to thank the Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association, or MAIA, as represented by:
 - a. Mr. Naguib Mr. Naguib Mohd Nor, President of MAIA;
 - b. YBhg. Datuk Zulkarnain Mohamed, Deputy President of MAIA;
 - c. Mr. Suresh Kumar Shunmugam;
 - d. Mr. Tan Kay Vin; and
 - e. YBhg. Dato' Ahmad Fuaad Mohd Kenalifor accepting my request to meet today.
3. With me today is YBhg. Dato' Sri Norazman, our Deputy Secretary General, Industry, as well as YBhg. Datuk Hanafi. Joining with us as well is Prof Shamsul from NAICO.
4. The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss and exchange ideas on the aerospace industry, including collaboration and partnership with the National Aerospace Industry Corporation Malaysia, or NAICO, an

agency under MITI, in order to accelerate the development of Malaysia's aerospace industry ecosystem.

5. The aerospace sector is a key manufacturing sub-sector in our national policies aimed at positioning Malaysia as a regional powerhouse in the global industry supply chain. MITI has been steadfast in its efforts to advance the local aerospace industry, progressing to great lengths to make sure that it keeps pace with growing global demand and innovation.
6. In 2021, the industry received more than RM104 million (RM104.7 million) worth of investments, while total trade was close to RM14 billion (RM13.84 billion). Despite a difficult economic landscape and operating environment over the last two years, our aerospace industry has remained competitive and resilient.
7. Without taking much time, I'd like to start a discussion, especially on your views for the aerospace industry, thank you.