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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HONOURABLE DATO' SRI ISMAIL
SABRI BIN YAAKOB, MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA AND HIS
EXCELLENCY GENERAL WEI FENGHE, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**15 May 2020
Kuala Lumpur**

The Honourable Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, Minister of Defence Malaysia received a telephone call from his Chinese counterpart, H.E. General Wei Fenghe, Minister of National Defense of the People's Republic Of China on 15 May 2020 at 4.00 pm. H.E. General Wei congratulated the former on his appointment as the Senior Minister (Security) and Minister of Defence Malaysia.

The discussion between both Ministers focused on the prevailing global crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic. The two Ministers updated each other on the prevention and control measures undertaken by both countries in addressing the COVID-19 situation. Both Defence Ministers agreed that it is critical for countries to continue working together to contain the spread of the virus. In this regard, the Minister of Defence Malaysia extended his sincere appreciation to the Ministry of National Defense of the People's Republic of China for the contribution of medical supplies consisting of 13 medical items and equipment. The contribution from China is invaluable and would support the frontliners from the Malaysian Armed Forces.

Apart from the immediate priority in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, both Ministers also expressed their shared commitments to further strengthen the existing bilateral defence cooperation. They also touched on regional and international security challenges of mutual interest and common concern, including the South China Sea.

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