

The Canada-ASEAN Business Council Congratulates Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

SINGAPORE – October 23, 2019

The Canada-ASEAN Business Council (CABC) extends its congratulations to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party of Canada on their recent re-election victory.

The CABC looks forward to continuing to work with the Government and all parties to promote and increase trade ties between Canada and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

As two trade-dependent regions, Canada and ASEAN are well positioned for increased economic partnership. The increasing presence of Canadian companies in Southeast Asia and their optimism captured in our [2019 Canada-ASEAN Business Survey](#) highlight the potential to expand Canada-ASEAN trade ties.

“This is a critical moment for Canada to capitalise on the tremendous development in trade relations between Canada and ASEAN in recent years,” said CABC President Wayne Farmer.

To strengthen the ties, the CABC supports the pursuit of an ASEAN-Canada Free Trade Agreement that would build on the ratification of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and provide access to Canada for large non-CPTPP members of ASEAN, particularly Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

Since 2012, the CABC has served as the voice of Canadian enterprises in Southeast Asia. The Council is the premier platform to connect the private sector with the governments of Canada and ASEAN's 10 member countries and facilitates high-level networking between Canadian and ASEAN decision-makers and businesses.

The CABC looks forward to supporting the Canadian government's trade diversification efforts to advance even stronger trade ties between Canada and ASEAN for the benefit of all.

--End--