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- 1) The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Parliament of Malaysia will be the host for the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC) Seminar that will take place in Kuala Lumpur from 1 until 3 August.
- 2) This seminar is organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA-UK) and this is the first time the PAC of the Parliament of Malaysia is selected to be the host for the CAPAC which involves the Commonwealth countries from the Asia and Southeast Asia regions.
- 3) The PAC of the Parliament of Malaysia is very delighted and contented to be the host for this seminar involving more than 20 PAC Members, PAC Clerks and PAC Chairs from eight Commonwealth countries including Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives as well as Bangladesh and I welcome their presence to Malaysia.

- 4) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Datuk Mohamad Ariff Md Yusof will officiate this seminar that will be held at the Parliament of Malaysia and Meg Hillier, the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee of the United Kingdom is expected to be present.
- 5) CAPAC was first held in Fiji for the Commonwealth countries of the Asia-Pacific region in last February, and in January 2020, it will be held in one of the countries in the Caribbean region.
- 6) During this seminar, all participants will be exposed with the best practices for the PAC of the Parliament of Malaysia to carry out its duty more effectively especially in identifying financial misappropriation in the Government.
- 7) This is the best platform for the members of the PAC of the Parliament of Malaysia to exchange their opinions and thoughts with their counterparts in strengthening the administrative structure of the Committee, especially in ensuring that the PAC will play its role as the check and balance for the Government.
- 8) The people now demand that the PAC of the Parliament of Malaysia to play its role more actively and effectively especially in conducting the investigations through transparent and accountable proceedings.
- 9) Thus, I hope the PAC Members of the Parliament of Malaysia will gain more knowledge on the best techniques practiced in other Commonwealth countries and whether it is suitable to be applied when the Committee is carrying out the proceedings.

Thank you.