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MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE PAC CHAIRPERSON REGARDING THE WORKING VISIT AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS ON LANGKAWI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LADA)'S REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- 1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today completed the proceedings regarding the follow-up actions by both the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) on the recommendations in the PAC report concerning the issue.
- 2. In the three-hour proceedings that started at 10 am in Langkawi, PAC was given statements and explanations from YBhg. Datuk Dr. Shahrazat Ahmad, MoF's deputy secretary-general of the Treasury (Investment) and YBhg. Datuk Haslina Abdul Hamid, LADA's chief executive officer.
- 3. "MoF and LADA provided detailed information and explanations for the five (5) recommendations presented in the PAC report," the chairperson said in a statement here today.
- 4. In conjunction with the proceedings, LADA arranged a one-and-a-half-day working visit to enable this Committee to review and see for itself the follow-up actions taken by the agency in relation to the recommendations contained in the PAC report which was presented in Parliament on 19 March 2024.
- 5. As a result of the work visit as well as explanations and testimonies from witnesses in the proceedings of follow-up actions, the PAC took note of the positive efforts made by LADA and MoF in ensuring that Langkawi continues to be the main geo-tourism destination in the region as well as being the focus of international tourists.
- 6. In fact, PAC was also taken to visit new tourism products and was informed of LADA's future plans to intensify the promotion of Langkawi including providing new public facilities.
- 7. Commenting on the property issues involving Hotel St. Regis and Kampung Tok Senik, PAC took note of every explanation and testimony given by witnesses on both issues.
- 8. PAC will comment on each of MoF and LADA's responses to the five recommendations, including the issues of Hotel St. Regis and Kampung Tok Senik.
- 9. This follow-up action report is expected to be presented in Parliament on 27 June 2024 in the Second Meeting of the Dewan Rakyat which will commence on 24 June 2024 and the public can read this report on the PAC website at www.parlimen.gov.my/pac.
- 10. In this Second Dewan Rakyat Meeting, the PAC is expected to present another seven reports involving three (3) PAC reports and four (4) follow-up action reports including the LADA follow-up action report.
- 11. In another development, PAC will start proceedings involving the Armed Forces Fund Board (LTAT) on 20 June 2024 by summoning the Ministry of Defense and the top management of LTAT.

Thank you.

YB Datuk Wira Mas Ermieyati binti Samsudin Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament of Malaysia