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NEW INVESTOR PASS FACILITATES FAST-TRACK ENTRY FOR GLOBAL INVESTORS AND BUSINESSES FROM 1 APRIL 2025

New Strategic Pass Cuts Red Tape, Strengthens Malaysia's Investment Hub Proposition

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 March 2025 – Effective 1 April 2025, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) will spearhead a new innovative immigration initiative called the Investor Pass, presenting a major improvement in the nation's investment proposition. The Investor Pass – with its enhanced entry mechanism designed specifically for existing and new investors under the current Social Visit Pass.

Under the new Investor Pass, business travelers will enjoy a full six-month stay with the option to extend for an additional six months, compared to the existing Social Visit Pass with Single-Entry Visa's 14 to 90-day limitation. Coupled with the Multiple Entry Visa feature, the Investor Pass enables seamless cross-border movement into Malaysia during the pass validity period, addressing global business' ease of doing business. Processing time for the Investor Pass is only five (5) working days until the approval by the Immigration Department of Malaysia, saving precious administrative time on the investors' part, enabling them to focus on what really matters for their business.

YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister of Investment, Trade, and Industry (MITI), emphasised the importance of this initiative. "As Malaysia ups its game on attracting investors from target sectors under the New Industrial Master Plan 2030, it is equally crucial to reduce bureaucracy and enhance their ease of doing business. The Investor Pass is a strategic step in that direction, facilitating seamless entry into Malaysia for both existing and new investors. This initiative also reflects the MADANI Government's commitment to reducing bureaucracy so we can build an efficient investment framework that supports both investors and Malaysia's long-term economic goals."

MIDA Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Sikh Shamsul Ibrahim Sikh Abdul Majid, highlighted MIDA's strengthened role in investment facilitation. "The Investor Pass provides a clear and structured entry process for investors, reducing delays that can slow business decisions. This initiative ensures that those serious about investing in Malaysia can do so with greater certainty. MIDA's role goes beyond issuing support letters—we actively

connect investors with the right networks, policies, and resources to help them establish and grow their presence here."

The pass is designed for **three categories** of foreign investors:

1. New Investors – Those exploring their first investments in Malaysia.
2. Investors under Consideration – Those in discussions with the government or awaiting project approvals from MIDA.
3. Existing Investors – Individuals with established investments or affiliations with Malaysian companies (excluding those under local employment).

The initiative is a testament to the strategic collaboration between MIDA and the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Immigration Department of Malaysia and Talent Corporation Malaysia Berhad. With MIDA spearheading the evaluation and issuance of supporting letters for eligible business travelers, the Immigration Department of Malaysia will grant final approval. Application can be submitted through the Xpats Gateway system at https://xpatsgateway.com.my/

For more information and procedures, please visit MIDA website at https://www.mida.gov.my/

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