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FOREIGN POLICY FOR SMALL STATES

In conjunction with 65 years of Malaysia - New Zealand diplomatic relations, the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations was privileged to receive Her Excellency The Honourable Nanaia Mahuta, the Foreign Minister of New Zealand to deliver a talk for IDFR Lecture Series 2/2022. The one-hour lecture titled “Foreign Policy for Small States” was held on Tuesday, 9 August 2022 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the IDFR Auditorium, Jalan Wisma Putra, Kuala Lumpur. Minister Mahuta was accompanied by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand and also the High Commissioner of New Zealand in Malaysia. The lecture was conducted in a hybrid mode and attended by 90 officials from various government ministries & agencies, Malaysian Missions abroad, foreign embassies, state governments, as well as members of academies from universities and think tanks.

Minister Mahuta is the first New Zealand foreign minister to take the IDFR stage. In her speech, Minister Mahuta emphasized the importance for small states to set clear principles, priorities, and core values to determine the conduct of their foreign policies. Her lecture was followed by a robust session with questions from both the audience in the auditorium as well as online.

The engaging session highlights the strong ties between New Zealand and Malaysia, of which is considered as one of the oldest in Southeast Asia, and the ongoing commitment in continuity of partnership with one another through various avenues of cooperation.

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