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**BOOK LAUNCH
'DIPLOMACY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC' AND
'ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY FOR DEVELOPING ASIA'
26 SEPTEMBER 2023, TUESDAY
EQ HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR**

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) is pleased to launch two publications:

- i) **'Diplomacy Through the Pandemic'** edited by Dato' Dr Shazelina Zainul Abidin; and
- ii) **'Economic Diplomacy for Developing Asia'** written by Professor Sufian Jusoh.

The books' launching will be **officiated by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Datuk Mohamad Alamin, at EQ Hotel Kuala Lumpur, on Tuesday, 26 September 2023 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.**

The event is expected to be attended by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government ministries, foreign embassies, and other interested parties. Some of the Malaysian missions abroad will also be joining the event virtually.

The book *'Diplomacy Through the Pandemic'* is a collection of 12 stories based on the experience of 15 Malaysian diplomats in managing the COVID-19 pandemic, and is modelled after the 2006 best-seller, *Number One, Wisma Putra*, which is now into its second reprint. *'Economic Diplomacy for Developing Asia'* provides a blueprint for practitioners in advancing their interests through the economic platform.

Aside from being the training and research arm of the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IDFR is also a "publishing house" with its own books, journals and magazine on topics related to Malaysia's foreign policy as well as international issues.

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