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**IDFR DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
'DIPLOMACY IN AN ERA OF GEOPOLITICAL CONTESTATION'
8 AUGUST 2024
IDFR AUDITORIUM, KUALA LUMPUR**

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) is honoured to host the IDFR Distinguished Lecture Series by His Excellency Dave Malcomson, High Commissioner of South Africa to Malaysia at IDFR Auditorium on Thursday, 8 August 2024 from 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm.

The lecture titled "*Diplomacy in an Era of Geopolitical Contestation*" will deliberate on the major power rivalry that has influenced the dynamics of the geopolitical landscape. In this context, emphasis will be given on how Malaysia and South Africa could join hands on issues of mutual interest and play significant roles in maintaining global stability.

Amid the current uncertainty, His Excellency Dave Malcomson will also highlight the importance of Malaysia and South Africa to work together in navigating today's geopolitical situation through multilateral platforms such as South-South Cooperation, BRICS, the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

This lecture is yet another manifestation of the many partnerships between Malaysia and South Africa over the past 30 years of bilateral relations. Malaysia recently has announced its intention to join the rising economies' BRICS group, of which South Africa is a prominent member. Additionally, Malaysia expressed its support for South Africa's move in instituting proceedings against Israel for the oppression towards the Palestinian people.

The lecture is expected to be attended by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government ministries, foreign embassies, corporate organisations, as well as members of the academia and think tanks.

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