



中国—东盟商务与投资峰会秘书处

China –ASEAN Business and Investment Summit Secretariat

Invitation

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 17th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (CABIS) will be convened on November 27-28, 2020 in Nanning, Guangxi, China, focusing on the theme of *Building the Belt and Road, Strengthening Digital Economy Cooperation*.

As the highest-level, largest and most influential economic and trade gathering between ASEAN and China, CABIS has been serving as an important cooperative mechanism and platform for promoting high-level dialogue, economy and trade cooperation, people-to-people exchanges and speaking for business communities. ASEAN, situated on the conjunction between land and ocean along the Belt & Road routes, is the priority region where milestone outcomes have been made in the pursuit of Belt & Road Initiative.

With strong support from China and ASEAN, CABIS has been hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of China, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, the People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and assisted by the ASEAN Secretariat, national chambers of commerce and industry of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN-China Centre for 16 consecutive sessions. Since its launch in 2004, CABIS has been committed to deepening practical economic and trade cooperation between China and ASEAN, promoting regional economic integration, serving as a platform for dialogue between government and enterprises, and echoing the call of China's economic development and opening-up policy.

2020 is the year of China-ASEAN Digital Economic Cooperation, marking the 10th anniversary of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area, and also the first year for China and ASEAN to be the largest trading partner to each other. The bilateral relations of

China and ASEAN have entered a maturing period featuring higher quality. The convening of the 17th CABIS is of great significance in this important and special year. Based on the theme of digital economy, the 17th CABIS will further explore new sectors and new forms of business cooperation between China and ASEAN under the circumstance of regular COVID-19 prevention and control, maintaining the good momentum of China-ASEAN trade and investment cooperation as well as fully exploring cooperation areas, so as to build a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future.

The 17th CABIS will be held both online and offline, taking into full account of regular prevention and control of COVID-19. National chambers of commerce and industry of ASEAN nations and other overseas guests will be invited to attend the events online. The following events will be organized during the 17th CABIS: the Opening Ceremony, the Roundtable Dialogue between State Leader of Laos and CEOs from China, and the China-ASEAN Business Leaders Forum.

Hereby, the CABIS Secretariat extends a cordial invitation of the 17th CABIS to you.

Yours Sincerely,

China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit Secretariat



Annex: Events of the 17th CABIS