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This is a joint statement by the following associations:

- Industries Unite (IU)
- Federation of Malaysia Business Associations (FMBA)
- Persatuan Pengurusan Kompleks Malaysia (PPK) – Malaysia Shopping Malls Association
- Bumiputra Retailers Organisation (BRO)
- Malaysian Association of Theme Parks & Family Attractions (MATFA)
- Malaysia Retailers Association (MRA)
- Malaysia Retail Chains Association (MRCA)
- Malaysian Association of Hotel Owners (MAHO)
- Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH)
- Malaysia Budget and Business Hotel Association (MYBHA)
- ASEAN Retail-chains & Franchise Federation (ARFF)

JOINT STATEMENT - KUDOS TO OUR MINISTER OF TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE FOR ADVOCATING VISA-ON-ARRIVAL

We collectively, absolutely and totally support the progressive call by our Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture to adopt visa-on-arrival for all tourists.

There is no time to waste if we are to garner the expected rush to travel after such a long hiatus.

We must take this unique opportunity to immediately attract tourists to Malaysia as all countries are on equal standing, starting from zero arrivals. There has never been a better time than now when all countries are starting at the same starting line. We must not miss this once in a lifetime, golden opportunity.

Technology has enabled the efficiency and possibility of issuing visa-on-arrival securely and we must embrace these tools immediately and not to miss this time window of “revenge-tourism”. Proven technology is widely available and many countries are able to securely operate visa-on-arrival for visitors and tourists to their respective locations.

We reiterate our full and absolute support for the call to implement visa-on-arrival and to urgently and immediately do so to take advantage of this expected hike in tourism activities worldwide and to attract tourists to Malaysia with enhanced tourist arrival procedures.

Thank you.

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