

**Declaration for Furtherance of Common Prosperity
by the State of Penang, Malaysia, and Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan**

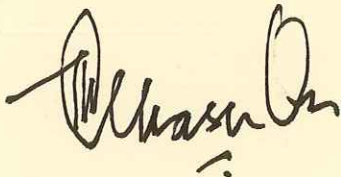
The State of Penang, Malaysia, and Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, signed the Joint Statement for the Further Development of Goodwill Exchanges on October 3, 1991. Since then, they have developed friendly relations through exchanges and cooperation in a wide range of fields, such as administration, economy, tourism, youth, culture and education.

It is the firm belief of both governments that such exchanges and cooperation built upon in the past have promoted mutual understanding and trust, and strengthened ties of friendship between Penang and Kanagawa. These exchanges and cooperation have also developed friendly relations between Malaysia and Japan, and thus contribute to peace and development of the Asian region and the world.

On this occasion of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Joint Statement, the State of Penang and the Kanagawa Prefecture hereby reaffirm the achievements made to date, and declare their further commitment to build close exchange and cooperative relations through common issues we may face in the future for even more prosperity and development of the two regions.

Signed on this 1st Day of July, 2016

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