

# Mustapa to represent Malaysia at Feb 4 TPP signing

**KUALA LUMPUR:** International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed will represent Malaysia in signing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement in New Zealand on Feb 4.

"I know people are still worried and our work is not done. This is the beginning of a long journey, and

there is more that needs to be done in the next 10 to 15 years," he said after the Dewan Rakyat approved the motion on Malaysia's participation in the TPP here yesterday.

Mustapa said he would travel to New Zealand on Feb 4 to sign the trade agreement once the motion was passed in the Dewan Negara.

The motion will be tabled and debated in the upper house today.

Describing the TPP as the biggest challenge of his political career, Mustapa said more would be done to ensure it benefited Malaysians.

"I am relieved that after five years of negotiations, Parliament has agreed for Malaysia to sign the TPP. I have never been involved in such a

complicated issue.

"We will make sure Malaysians, especially those in the small and medium industries, can compete overseas. That is my promise.

"We will come up with a monitoring mechanism to make sure we really do benefit from the TPP. We will come up with the best way to do this."