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With a smartphone in almost every pocket, it's time more businesses joined the digital race or else risk being left behind. The digital economy is developing rapidly worldwide. It is the single most important driver of innovation, competitiveness and growth, and it holds huge potential for entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Unfortunately, less than 10 per cent of local enterprises are currently taking full advantage of new digital opportunities.

How businesses adopt digital technologies will be a key determinant of their future growth.

It's an economy of limitless opportunities for some and disruption and displacement for others. Many firms — such as Kodak, Blockbuster, Sears, and Blackberry — were unable to adapt, while others are thriving. According to a MIT Sloan research, the companies that are adapting to a digital world are 26 per cent more profitable than their industry peers.

New digital trends such as cloud computing, mobile web services, smart grids, and social media, are radically changing the business landscape, reshaping the nature of work, the boundaries of enterprises and the responsibilities of business leaders.

These trends enable more than just technological innovation. They spur innovation in business models, business networking and the transfer of knowledge and access to international markets.

WHY ATTEND?

Prime Minister Datuk Sri Najib Razak had in early August 2016 shared that digital economy contributes to 16.3 per cent of the GDP. Malaysia aspires to have a digital economy that contributes 20 per cent to the GDP by 2020.

As in other countries, trade is also being increasingly conducted in digital form in Malaysia. Products and services are transmitted digitally across borders. Moreover, data is the lifeblood of the 21st century enterprise across all sectors, including retail, media, manufacturing, finance, logistics and healthcare.

Malaysia has to take advantage of the growth opportunities presented by the Digital Transformation to the fullest of its potential, which is powered by new ways of collaborative networking where productivity and competitiveness are enhanced.

The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) will organise an event to explore how Malaysia can maximise the interconnected nature of the Malaysia's digital infrastructure in order to truly capitalise and supercharge its digital economy both now and in the future.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- **Mr. Neil Foo**
Chief Executive Officer, Secretariat for the Advancement of Malaysian Entrepreneurs (SAME)
- **Mr. Victor Phang Yong Soon**
Chief Executive Officer / Founder, iTalent Management
- **Ms. Yeo Eng Ping**
Managing Partner, ASEAN Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants
- **Mr. Serm Teck Choon**
President, Malaysian Digital Association (MDA) & Country Head, CtrlShift Malaysia

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The conference will involve the participation of civil society players (industry, social dialogue partners, academics) with direct, hands-on experience and will therefore make a contribution to fostering dialogue between industry and policy-makers. It will encourage debates and address issues across local, national and global contexts, and will be centred on the following topics:

1. The Digital Economy at the Heart of the Country's Competitiveness: The Role of Public Policies as a Tool for Fostering Economic Growth and New Business Models
2. Creation of Digital Free Zone (DFZ) in Malaysia – Challenges and Opportunities
3. Boosting E-Skills, Facilitating Job Conversion and Rethinking Labour
4. Succeeding the World of Ecommerce – Best Practices & Key Success Factors
5. Looking Ahead: New Prospects for Innovation

- **Pn. Nadira Yusoff**
MD, Girls in Tech Malaysia & CEO, Nadi-Ayu Technologies
- **Mr. Laurence Choi**
Senior Vice President, Aladdin Group of Companies
- **Ms. Fione Tan**
President & Chief Executive Officer, eOneNet.com
- **Mr. Chan Kok Long**
Executive Director, iPay88
- **Mr. Ganesh Kumar Bangah**
Senior Advisor, HT Consulting (Asia) & Deputy Chairman, PIKOM

...and many other professionals

PROGRAMME

- 8.30 am Arrival & Registration of Participants
- 9.15 am **Welcoming Speech** by CEO, Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI), **Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh**
- 9.25 am **Opening Keynote Address** by Minister of Communication & Multimedia, Malaysia, **YB Senator Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Mohd. Salleh Bin Tun Said Keruak**
- 9.50 am Morning Refreshments
- 10.15 am **SESSION ONE**
The Digital Economy at the Heart of the Country's Competitiveness: The Role of Digital Public Policies as a Tool to Foster Economic Growth and New Business Models
- What regulatory framework and initiatives are needed to enable a new industrial policy?
 - To what extent could the digitalization of the industry strengthen its leadership?
 - What is the right policy approach for unleashing the potential of innovative services?
 - How can public authorities keep pace with digital technologies which disrupt sectors and markets and have an impact on our business models and policies, as well as the way we produce and consume?
 - How should companies respond to the challenges of digitization to in making investment decisions, address skill shortages, manage key talent, and drive productivity?
- 11.30 am **SESSION TWO**
Preparing for the Digital Economy - Boosting E-skills, Facilitating Job Conversion and Rethinking Labour
- How can businesses upgrade workforce ICT skills and ensure a smooth transition to the digital world? How can our economic and social stakeholders cope with the shortage of digital skills in the country?
 - What can the private sector do to ensure that everyone takes full advantage of new digital technologies?
 - What are the opportunities and challenges for workers in the digital era?
 - What are the new forms of employment? What are the labour market implications? How can the public authorities accompany this change? Is a new regulatory framework needed?
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm **SESSION THREE**
Creation of Digital Free Zone (DFZ) in Malaysia - Challenges and Opportunities
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 - How would be it implemented?
 - What are the risks involved?
- Have the authorities consider the various physical, commercial and people infrastructure elements required to achieve the digital strategy in a holistic manner?
 - As this is a very unique industry and conventional practice may not be applicable, have the government consider whether the current tax laws are fair to these digital businesses and technology companies / start-ups when compared to the traditional brick and mortar businesses?
 - How to kick-start your Cross-border Ecommerce to ride on the Malaysia Digital Free Trade Zone?
 - With the government aggressively promoting digital and Ecommerce in Malaysia with various incentives to be offered, how well are you prepared to take advantage of the opportunities available?
- 3.15 pm **SESSION FOUR**
Looking Ahead: New Prospects for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- How can we support profitable cooperation between big businesses and start-ups?
 - How can we optimise the network between universities, businesses and investors, create public and private programmes, and develop incubators and ecosystems as well as hubs and clusters of competitiveness?
 - How can we develop and maintain an approach to innovation that is both multidimensional and involves all stakeholders? And what would be the optimal market regulations and industrial policies for supporting these initiatives?
 - How can we transform the digital revolution into a competitive advantage?
 - How do we ensure innovation goes hand in hand with social progress?
- 4.20 pm **SESSION FIVE**
Succeeding in the World of Ecommerce; Key Factors and Best Practices
Ecommerce is a challenging industry; a saturated market and mass availability of goods to consumers means that successfully capturing customers has become less about the products you offer and more about the experience you deliver to each user. This session will review the following:
- Staffing, inventory, payment, legislation and operation challenges -To what extent it hinders your business?
 - What is the structural difference between domestic and cross-border Ecommerce?
 - What are the elements of a successful ecommerce market entry and market leadership strategy?
 - Online Security and Transactions
 - Where are the greatest opportunities?
- 5.15 pm Afternoon Refreshments / End of Conference

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RM1,600
(Minimum 3 delegates)
+ 6% GST per delegate

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RM1,500
+ 6% GST per delegate

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