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Yang Berhormat Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah

Minister of Communications and Multimedia

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Chief Executive Officer, Bursa Malaysia

Our Distinguished Panel of Speakers,

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

1. Good morning and welcome to the 3rd Virtual Edition of Invest Malaysia 2020.
2. Let me begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah and YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali (who will be joining us later at 12.30pm) for leading one of the most pertinent conversations in our marketplace - our journey towards Industry 4.0 and the 5G vision that will shape the future of our industries.
3. As a former CEO of Telekom Malaysia (2004-2008) prior to the demerger of Axiata (formerly known as TM International), this third edition of InvestMalaysia 2020 is of special interest to me. And how times have changed. When Celcom launched the first 3G services in Malaysia in May 2005, the bandwidth was only 384kbps and up to 2Mbps. Now fast forward to 2020 with 4G, the speed is ten times faster at 20-50Mbps with five times the capacity.
4. With 5G, the speed improves exponentially to 1Gbps. And latency improves from 50ms for 4G to 1ms for 5G. With this kind of performance, it will enable digitalisation at a speed and coverage not seen before.
5. Indeed, the digitalisation of our economy and society is accelerating. The fourth industrial revolution, better known as Industry 4.0 or IR4.0, is expected to modernise Malaysia's industrial capability and transform the economy into a high-value manufacturer.

6. Currently, 22% of GDP is contributed by manufacturing, coming out of the automobile, electronics, component manufacturers, consumer products and others. Under the National Policy in IR4.0, productivity is expected to increase in the manufacturing sector by 30% per person, elevating the absolute contribution of the manufacturing sector to our economy by 54% from RM254 billion to RM392 billion.
7. The economic impact of 5G on the Malaysian economy is expected to be substantial, with its deployment acting as a catalyst to the country's productivity and growth. A recent study by the Malaysia Institute of Economic Research reported that 5G has the potential to contribute an additional RM12.7 billion to the Malaysian GDP over five years between 2021 and 2025.
8. The implementation of 5G is also expected to create 39,000 new job opportunities, shifting the workforce landscape towards higher-valued skills.

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9. 5G and Industry 4.0 implementations are not just on the near horizon. They are here offering opportunities with the promise of speed and responsiveness that will undoubtedly usher in new products, new services and revolutionary ways of doing things. The linking of millions of digital devices and the creation of new services around those devices will transform the way we live, and how businesses, governments and even how exchanges operate.
10. Hence, the conversations we have today are extremely relevant. Today's InvestMalaysia will discuss what is needed on the digital front that will unlock the economic benefits. Starting with the keynote address by our Minister of Communications Dato' Saifuddin, followed by the first panel session on "Maximising returns from infrastructure" with MCMC Chairman Dr Fadhlullah, Time CEO Afzal Rahim and the newly appointed TM CEO Imri Mokhtar.
11. This will be followed by the second panel session on "What is 5G and How do we monetise 5G" with Axiata Group CEO Tan Sri Jamaluddin, Maxis CEO Gokhan Ogut, Digi CEO Albern Murty and Celcom CEO Idham Nawawi. And then the third panel on "Embracing the changes from COVID-19 and IR4.0" with MDEC CEO Sarina Shukri, Malaysia IoT Association James Lai and EY's Chow Sang Hoe. And of course we will have the Special Address by our Senior Minister Dato' Seri Azmin Ali at 12.30pm.

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12. Acknowledging the importance of digital transformation, we as a capital market collective need to provide the assuredness that our efforts, as corporates, regulators and financiers, are working in tandem to ensure Malaysia takes advantage of the opportunities this new wave of 5G and IR 4.0 technology will provide.
13. A recent COVID-19 Business Impact Survey by EY reported that over a third of Malaysian SMEs, large and listed companies are taking active measures to expand or upgrade their technology capabilities in response to the pandemic. This is because the pandemic has revealed how vulnerable global supply chains can be, and which has motivated manufacturers to rethink IR4.0 adoption more cost-effectively.

14. And in that context, I would like to highlight another report, from The Morning Star ESG research unit Sustainalytics, that puts 5G and IR4.0 initiatives at the top of their Top 10 list for ESG based investments for 2020. The Report by Sustainalytics estimates that 5G will unlock USD13trillion in economic value by 2035 from optimising service delivery to enhancing the Internet of Things.
15. Their prediction for the IoT healthcare market is even bolder, in that they expect the connected medical device market to be a USD136billion market by 2021 - which is just next year. If these numbers do not invigorate or catalyse Malaysian corporate innovation and ingenuity, then their impact on ESG should. The evolution, or perhaps revolution that will happen as a result of new technologies will favour those that do it right and do it fast.
16. Investing with an ESG mindset is about looking for those companies that are socially conscious. Not just financially, but from an Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance perspective.
17. And in the world of fast-moving telecommunications technology and industrial automation, looking holistically at a company and determining if the organisation has the right human capital to deploy advanced technology combined with the right governance practices in place could be argued to be as important as their financial grounding.
18. As MSCI data has validated, higher-performing ESG rated companies have a lower cost of capital. I am proud to say that Axiata, Digi, Maxis and Telekom Malaysia, represented on our panels today, have all earned their entry into the Bursa Malaysia FTSE4Good ESG Index.

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19. Malaysia's listed companies need to be at the forefront of using and deploying technology innovations to ensure our nation remains vibrant and our capital market remains ASEAN's leading marketplace.
20. Honourable ministers, our esteemed partner Macquarie, panel members and investors joining us from around the world, let's make today memorable as we chart the 5G and IR4.0 path forward for Malaysia. Have a productive conference.

Thank you.

Wabillahi taufiq wal hidayah wassalamualaikum warahmatullahiwabarakatuh.