Industry 4.0 Cloud Computing Benefits for Malaysian SMEs

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Agenda

- Industry 4.0 Cloud Computing benefits for Malaysian SME:s
- Proposed strategy for transitioning to these solutions
- Competence Needs

SME Benefits from Cloud Computing Functions

- Industry 4.0 Cloud solutions for SME: use provider cloud functions.
- Data sent by manufacturing equipment: optimize production (spot deviations, focus quality & speed optimizations), recognize maintenance needs. E.g. exactness of positioning, error counts, ...
- Storing manufacturing data in cloud: basis for reporting & quality / optimization analysis. E.g. how does different machinery maintenance strategy impact quality?
- Processing the data in the cloud: Getting a much more detailed view of "what is happening" & where can SME optimize manufacturing quality & speed.

Proposed Strategy for Transitioning

- SME:s should not be leaders in introducing cloud solutions. Multi-nationals expected to be the leaders.
- SME:s should be not-too-late followers. Keep good business position, profit from optimization benefits.
- Step-by-step, smart transition.
- Introduction of cloud functions needs to be future-proof: SME need to understand well which cloud functions to use & adapt, because changes are costly & effort.

Competence Needs (from Cloud Computing Perspective)

- Cloud Computing technology competence. What are the Cloud Computing functions? How can they be used & adapted to the SME specific needs?
- Operations competence in working with provider Cloud functions. Handling mistakes could e.g. result in data security issues.
- Aligning SME processes, roles & responsibilities with the Cloud Computing technical solutions. Only then, the gains in manufacturing & business will take off ...



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