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SHOPEE'S PARENT, SEA LIMITED TO INCREASE FDI, EXPAND FOOTPRINT AND CREATE MORE THAN 2,000 JOBS IN MALAYSIA

Sea Ltd. ("Sea"), a leading Singaporean global consumer internet company, through its e-commerce platform Shopee, has committed to expand its investments in Malaysia, creating more than 2,000 direct employment in the process. Sea operates three core businesses across digital entertainment, e-commerce, as well as digital payments and financial services known as Garena, Shopee, and SeaMoney. Shopee is the largest pan-regional e-commerce platform in Southeast Asia and Taiwan. This decision was shared with the Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, during his visit to Sea, where Shopee's headquarters is also located.

The Minister's three-day investment mission is in conjunction with YAB Prime Minister's first official visit to the Republic of Singapore on 30 January 2023. As one of Malaysia's top FDI sources, the Prime Minister and Minister's working visits to Singapore are of paramount importance to Malaysia's continuous efforts to attract high quality foreign direct investments (FDIs) into the country, a portfolio led by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and its agency, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA).



During Tengku Zafrul's official visit to Sea and Shopee's headquarters in Singapore on 29 January 2023, Sea shared its proposed expansion plans in Malaysia, involving the setting up of cloud services, data hosting and processing, as well as a new logistics e-commerce warehouse.

The cloud computing project will be located in a three-story green facility in Kulai, Johor, with 24 data hall suites, M&E rooms, office space, as well as storage and parking facilities, targeted to be completed by the first quarter of 2024. Additionally, its Shopee e-commerce platform will also expand its footprint in Malaysia through a newly-constructed mega warehouse located at Bukit Raja, Klang. The two-storey, 1.4-million square-foot warehouse is an integrated hi-tech logistics park equipped with cloud infrastructure. The warehouse will be among the biggest logistics warehouses in Malaysia. Both projects are expected to create more than 2,000 direct job opportunities.

In commenting on the fresh FDI from SEA Limited, Tengku Zafrul said, "SEA Limited's decision to expand its investment footprint in Malaysia clearly reflects its confidence in the prospects, as well as the operational and policy stability of Malaysia's business landscape. Their planned FDI in cloud computing and hi-tech warehousing are set to create 2,000 new jobs for our people, which will also help us upskill our human capital, while enhancing national productivity and competitiveness in the long run.

"We are also expecting positive spill over effects for our SMEs, corporates and the surrounding local communities. This includes local sourcing, vendor development and the strengthening of local industrial ecosystem particularly in the digital space. MITI and its related agencies will continue to enhance the nation's business ecosystem towards ensuring that Malaysia will always be perceived as pro-business, pro-investment and pro-trade," continued Tengku Zafrul.



“This is a significant development not just for Sea but for the local digital ecosystem. We are grateful for the support of the Minister of International Trade and Industry [and his team] for our expansion plans and business strategies. Our aim is to enable and support the growth of the overall ecosystem, empowering more players to benefit from the opportunities that this will create. We are also committed to supporting the creation of more employment opportunities that will drive Malaysia’s economic growth.” said Ye Gang, Sea’s Co-founder & Group Chief Operating Officer.

During the three-day investment mission, the Minister will also have one-on-one business meetings with the Yondr Group, a global leader in data centre and INSEACT, a Singapore-based alternative protein company specialises in producing sustainable insect protein for aquaculture (shrimp farming).

To date, Singapore is the second largest investor in the manufacturing sector in Malaysia with a total of 3,475 manufacturing projects in operation with investment amounting to RM96.36 billion (USD25.4 billion).

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