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MICROSOFT'S RM10.5-BILLION INVESTMENT IN CLOUD AND AI INFRASTRUCTURE WILL SKILL 300,000 MALAYSIANS, ACCELERATE NATION'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY

Malaysia's digital transformation will be accelerated by Microsoft's announcement today to invest **RM10.5 billion (USD2.2 billion)** in cloud and AI infrastructure over the **next 4 years**. Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry (MITI) welcomes the announcement, which is part of Microsoft's ongoing *Bersama Malaysia* commitment since 2021.

This latest announcement by Microsoft is set to **transform Malaysia into a leading digital hub regionally, while targeting to skill 300,000 Malaysians, as well as powering up the nation's economic growth and inclusivity through innovative, cutting-edge technology.**

This investment – facilitated by one of MITI's agencies, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) together with other public agencies – **firmly positions Malaysia as a preferred destination for digital investments.** It also supports Malaysia's national initiative to embrace new, enabling technology, including **AI and Generative AI, which could unlock USD113.4 billion in productive capacity in Malaysia.**

The announcement on Microsoft's committed investment was made by **Mr. Satya Nadella, Chairman and CEO of Microsoft, during the AI National Leadership Forum** in Putrajaya today, which was **also graced by the YAB Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim.**

YB Senator **Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Aziz**, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, said, “This strategic partnership with Microsoft is what was envisaged by Malaysia's New Industrial Master Plan 2030 (NIMP2030) – it not only **helps us embrace tech rapidly, but also fosters innovation as well as economic security and inclusivity**. While our priority is to attract quality investments, we are also looking for **partners who can help champion our commitment to empower our SMEs and people – through new enabling technology including AI – so they can also reap the benefits of a more vibrant digital economy in Malaysia. Microsoft’s RM10.5-billion committed investment is an accelerated step towards that positive outcome.**”

“Malaysia's steadfast commitment to robust digital infrastructure has convinced many globally recognised multinationals to establish or expand their presence here, as evidenced by the significant RM144.7 billion in digital investments approved from 2021 to 2023. **As MITI actively nurtures an empowering digital ecosystem that will drive tech-based solutions across various sectors, it will also strengthen our value proposition that *Malaysia is where global starts, or the place to be for companies wishing to forge their regional and global operating success,***” continued Tengku Zafrul.

Satya Nadella said, “We are **committed to supporting Malaysia’s AI transformation and ensure it benefits all Malaysians**. Our investments in digital infrastructure and skilling will **help Malaysian businesses, communities, and developers apply the latest technology to drive inclusive economic growth and innovation** across the country.”

Transformative technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing, and predictive analytics powered by cloud and AI services have the potential to empower businesses of all sizes – including startups and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) – to unlock their potential by driving differentiation and market competitiveness. This is also in alignment with the MADANI Economy Framework that encourages innovation and inclusivity to help propel Malaysia into the top 30 of global economies by 2033.

Moving forward, guided by the New Industrial Master Plan 2030 that aims to develop economic complexity and a digitally vibrant nation, **MITI and its agencies will continue to attract high quality investments, including digital investments involving cutting-edge technology to nurture more homegrown talent, business opportunities and innovation.**

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MITI is the key driver in making Malaysia the preferred destination for quality investments and enhancing the nation's rising status as a globally competitive trading nation. Its objectives and roles are oriented towards ensuring Malaysia's rapid economic development and help achieve the country's stated goal of becoming a developed nation.

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