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In the Dutch 'polder model' as this product is best known, government, business, and other parts of society cooperate in partnerships towards a shared goal, initially to build dykes and pumping stations, but nowadays it applies to every part of the economy. It is in partnerships that, in my opinion, best results are achieved. Moreover, the longstanding collaboration between the Netherlands embassy and the MDBC provides an excellent example of such a partnership.

On 1 March 2021, I started as Deputy Ambassador and Head of the Economic Section at the Netherlands Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, with the assignment to promote sustainable trade and investment between the Netherlands and Malaysia. An assignment we work hard to achieve, as is shown in the EVO - Fenedex award we won this year for 'most excellent service delivery to Dutch companies'. A prize dedicated to the work of entire economic team at the Netherlands embassy (Machiel, Gayathri, Jasmine, Fazilah, Li Huan, and Alia), and that could not have been won without the partnership with MDBC. Therefore, besides my heartfelt congratulations to the economic team, congratulations are in place to Marco and the MDBC team, for your 25th anniversary and for your partnership in winning this award.

The award isn't just a recognition of our efforts and achievements over the past years, it reaffirms our assignment for the future. With that in mind, I hope to see the Malaysian economy recover soon, now that the speed of vaccinations has picked up. And also in these better times, the economic team and I will be there for you, whether you are looking for a business partner, are facing market entry issues, or have great idea and need our support. Our doors remain open.

Coming back to the celebration of partnerships, I would like to highlight one upcoming event: The MDBC Innovation and Sustainability Awards (MISA) at the end of this year. An annual celebration of the sustainable and innovative solutions that Dutch and Malaysian companies bring to the world. The Netherlands Embassy has been a partner of MISA throughout, and this year we will do so with a special award dedicated to the most famous Dutch export product, the award for most "Outstanding Dutch Malaysian Partnership".

I hope to see many of you compete for it, and hope to meet you all there!

Eva Oskam Deputy Head of Mission & Head of the Economic Section Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



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THUR 23 / 4:00PM MASBA / MDBC: MM2H Programme

MON 27 / 3:30PM MDBC AGM over FY2020 & CEO Talk WED 29 / 9:00AM MDBC Connects Fair Q3 & MYWIT

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MON 11 / 5:00PM ADCN / MDBC: Introducing Access2Markets

THUR 14 / 3:30PM MDBC: Work & Mental Health Balance

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You don't have to read between the lines to see how active MDBC continues to be!

PENANG OPPORTUNITIES



At the end of April, MDBC was a supporting partner for InvestPenang's 'Post - COVID - 19: Opportunities for European Companies in the Robust Supply Chain & Ecosystem in Penang' webinar.

The session provided a platform for

businesses, consultants, and investors to understand Penang, Malaysia's investment climate, industry landscape, success stories, and the initiatives that make Penang the supply chain powerhouse in Southeast Asia. Besides InvestPenang and MIDA, there was a panel of corporate speakers from the Netherlands (Hittech Wemac), Germany, and the UK, moderated by Marco Winter (Executive Director, MDBC).

Speakers included:

* Lee Kah Choon (Special Advisor to the Chief Minister of Penang & Director of InvestPenang)

- * Rashidah Othman (Director, MIDA) * Glen Brownlie (Managing Director,
- OSRAM Opto Semiconductor)

* Mark Arthun (Managing Director, Smith & Nephew Operations) * Paul Morach (General Manager, Hitte

* Paul Morach (General Manager, Hittech Wemac).

Copies of the presentation materials and a recording of the webinar are available at investpenang.gov.my/events/penanginvestment-webinar-european-session/.

PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFINGS

Parliament Briefing Malaysia's Exit Strategy & Political Developments Figure 100 Figur

helping them develop their government relations strategy.

Nazhif Yusoff

Shazwan Mustafa Kamal is a Senior Associate at Vriens & Partners and brings along 10 years of professional experience in the fields of politics, journalism, and the media. He consults for clients from various verticals such as technology, healthcare, and transportation.

MDBC continued its collaboration with the Malaysian Danish Business Council (MDaBC) and Vriens & Partners to bring the following two Parliament Briefings: 'Malaysia's State of Play' and 'Malaysia's Exit Strategy & Political Developments'.

Both briefings featured Nazhif Yusoff (Country Directory, Vriens & Partners) and Shazwan Mustafa Kamal (Senior Associate, Vriens & Partners) as speakers. Vriens & Partners is Southeast Asia's leading government affairs consultancy. They deliver nuanced and effective government affairs strategies built on trusted relationships with the highest levels of government, and with stakeholders along the entire policymaking chain.

Nazhiff Yusoff is the Country Director at Vriens & Partner's Kuala Lumpur office and with the team, he consults for clients from various verticals such as technology, healthcare, transportation, and tourism, Mustafa Kamal

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how COVID-19 has changed our workplace forever.

1 in 3 respondents across Asia-Pacific saw their employment situation change, due to the ill effects of the pandemic in the early days. While the transition to remote work was difficult at first, it opened employees' eyes to the possibilities and benefits of flexible work arrangements and it seems that they're not going back.

the challenge for human resources leaders.

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MDBC WEBINARS

BETWEEN THE LINES

MDBC kicked off the annual MDBC Human Resources Forum in June with a unique interactive online experience, co organized with Cultural Impact and the KL Shakespeare Players. The event was ideal for those who wanted to learn how to deal with colleagues in multi - cultural work environments, or how to best approach a potential client / partner.

'Between the Lines' is a KLSP Exchange Theatre showcase. Participants had the opportunity to reflect, explore, and practice a repertoire of new behaviors when faced with sensitive situations at work.

Exchange Theater comprises of three key parts: Watch, Discuss, and Play. In 'Watch', the audience watch scenarios being played out by the actors. In 'Discuss', the audience is invited to discuss and debate, based on the problematic



scenes that they just watched. In 'Play', the actors play the same scenes again but this time, the audience can stop the scene at any point, join in, and try to bring about their desired outcome or resolution.

The experience addresses the challenges of online collaboration among members in diverse and cross border teams. It takes

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WELCOME TO THE MDBC VILLAGE



The MDBC Village is a VR representation of the MDBC community. Hosted on the KIVEL platform, the Village plays host to the MDBC Connects Fair (MCF) every quarter. After a successful kick off in Q1 this year, Q2's displayed significant growth (100 booths), featured two webinars, and included a soft launch of the MDBC Business Directory 2021 - 22.

This exciting full day of activities provided valuable information, online engagement, and sharing. With 100 booths in 11 different halls, the platform has grown significantly and offers an informative and interactive option to network online. The MDBC Village is free and open to all so it is the ideal opportunity to find new business partners and / or business development opportunities.

Starting off MCF, the first webinar featured TalentCorp and covered visa and travel applications, as well as the MyEntry platform. The Malaysian government placed restrictions on Malaysians and non - Malaysians from entering and exiting the country due to the pandemic. During the MCO, the Immigration Department of Malaysia (JIM), provided Guidelines for Expatriates for Key Posts & Technical Posts, for Dependents, and Foreign Maids to enter / exit Malaysia, which requires permission from JIM. JIM then developed the MyEntry online system which enables the public and relevant stakeholders (including Malaysian embassies abroad) to apply, process, monitor, and track applications in real - time.

Speaker:

Sabihah Ahamad (Head (Operations), Malaysia Expatriate Services Centre (MYXpats)): Sabihah heads the MYXpats Center's operations where she focuses on achieving operational service excellence to deliver quality expatriate services to all stakeholders. Her 20 years of experience include interfacing with Government agencies and industries for the facilitation of Employment Passes and its related passes through the Expatriate Services Division (ESD) and the Residence Pass - Talent (RP - T) initiative, both in collaboration with JIM and overseen by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

With a break for visitors to 'walk' around the Village and visit exhibitor booths, MCF continued with the second webinar



MDBC CONNECTS FAIR Q2



Top: Sabihah Ahamad (MYXpats)

Middle clockwise from top left: Murugason R. Thangaratnam, Anwer Yusoff, Vicks Kanagasingam, and Jaco Benadie. Bottom: Answering trivia questions to unlock the MDBC Business Directory 2021 - 22.



for the day - this time on Cyber Resilience.

Cyber Resilience goes beyond preventing or responding to a breach. It's your ability to operate during, adapt to, and recover from a cyber attack. If your organization has a high level of cyber resilience, a cyber attack is less likely to hamper your business operations. Businesses will be able to protect their data, reduce the impact of disruption, and prevent a devastating revenue loss.

We have entered a new digital era. With the advent of 5G and exponential growth in all areas of digitalization, business leaders and government agencies need to expand their idea of what cyber security is and go beyond defense and reaction to include anticipation and business continuity. Speakers from Novem CS, KPMG's Cyber Security unit, and CyberSecurity Malaysia discussed "The New Era of Technology and Risks", explaining how companies can take the necessary steps towards achieving cyber resilience to stay ahead of threats, create a secure cyber environment for the organization and employees, and improve their ability to get through an attack unscathed.

Speakers:

Murugason R. Thangaratnam (Executive Director, Novem CS): Murugason is a Certified Cyber Security Practitioner (ASIRS) and the Executive Chairman / Director of Advanced Security Network. He has held positions as COO and CEO of ASN before becoming its Chairman in 2019. With over 22 years of senior management positions, he is experienced in physical security audits, private investigations, and covert surveillance for a large number of corporate and domestic clientele, having worked with INTERPOL on many occassions.

Jaco Benadie (Executive Director -Emerging Technology Risk and Cyber, KPMG): Jaco heads KPMG's Cyber Advisory Unit in Malaysia and has more than 15 years of experience in the field of cyber security for both Information Technology (IT) and Operational Technology (OT). He leverages IT and engineering skills and experience to design, develop, and implement controls that support the safeguarding of critical computing systems from cyber threats. Jaco has built deep expertise in dealing with all levels of customer management in OT, IT, and Cyber Security.

Anwer Yusoff (Head - Cyber Security Industry Engagement & Collaboration Dept, CyberSecurity Malaysia): Anwer Yusoff has more than 25 years of extensive experience in the Malaysian ICT industry and his skillsets encompass Supply Chain Management, Business Process Re - Engineering, and in the last 15 years - information security. He believes that the cornerstone of cyberspace security is, and will remain, a public private partnership, and only by acting together can we build a more security future in cyberspace.

Moderator:

Vicks Kanagasingam (Advisor, XPERANTI): With over 27 years of experience in leadership roles in Sales, Business Development, Partner / Alliance Management, Marketing, and Operations in the Telecommunications & IT industry, Vicks has helped develop businesses in Asia Pacific for start - ups from the UK, France, and Australia.

A recording of the webinars and copies of the presentation materials are available in the MDBC online resource center -The Library (https://www.mdbc.com.my/ information/the-library/).

The final event which closed out the MCF Q2 activities was the soft launch of the MDBC Business Directory 2021 - 22. This biennial publication features two main segments, an informative summary of Malaysia and the Netherlands, covering general country information through to the trade and investment statistics, and a members directory of all current MDBC members. Working together, attendees had to answer five general MDBC trivia questions to help unlock this year's Directory.

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SKRINE: FIRM OF THE YEAR

an In-House Community Firm of the Year - 2021 -

SKRINE, one of the oldest, largest, and most awarded legal firms in Malaysia, has been named the 'Most Responsive Domestic Law Firm' for Malaysia, as well as the 'Firm of the Year' under the 'Litigation and Dispute Resolution - Malaysia' category by In - House Community at its recent Firms of the Year 2021 Awards. SKRINE also received an Honourable Mention under the International Arbitration - Malaysia category.

The In - House Community has engaged the in - house legal community through publications, events, and award ceremonies for over 20 years. The 2021 awards are based on extensive surveys conducted and responses received from more than 17,000 in - house counsel and buyers of legal services from 11 countries including China, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, UAE, and Vietnam. It asked which legal services providers made the most significant impression on them over the past year in terms of responsiveness and satisfaction with the work done.

KLM DIAMOND AWARD

KLM has been awarded the APEX Diamond Award Health Safety. The highest possible level of certification for airlines in the area of health and safety, KLM is the second European airline to receive this certification.

"We have made the health and hygiene of our customers, employees, and society as a whole our number one priority in these times. Achieving the highest possible level of APEX certification means that KLM is one of the leading airlines in this field. People choose to travel with us because we fly responsibly. We have analysed our entire customer journey this year and set the highest possible standard to ensure optimal health and hygiene," shared Boet Kreiken (Executive Vice President -Customer Experience, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines).



Heineken Malaysia Berhad (HEINEKEN Malaysia) launched its HEINEKEN Cares programme recently, pledging 150,000 meals to vulnerable communities across Malaysia to help mitigate the negative impacts of a prolonged lockdown.

The HEINEKEN Cares programme, which connects employee wellness with community purpose, is committed to donating one meal for every 1,000 steps taken by a HEINEKEN Malaysia employee from July until the end of the year. With an overall target of 150 million steps by HEINEKEN Malaysia's employees collectively, this translates to an expected 150,000 meals to be channeled to communities in need.

Roland Bala (Managing Director, HEINEKEN Malaysia) said, "The pandemic has taken a toll on many communities, leaving many families without stable income to obtain food and other basic needs. In this challenging period, we reach out with a helping hand to support those in need. Our efforts reflect HEINEKEN's Brew A Better World sustainability commitment, particularly with social sustainability as a key focus."

HEINEKEN EVERY STEP COUNTS

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150,000,000 steps by employees 150,000 meals for communities

"Through the HEINEKEN Cares programme, every employee can play a part. As every step we take will count towards aid being channeled to our communities. We realise that the lockdowns can have an impact on people's health as well, so we are excited to launch a program that keeps our employees motivated to live healthier and exercise more. Knowing that our every step contributes to a bigger purpose will be added motivation for our people," Roland added.

The HEINEKEN Cares program is administered by the SPARK Foundation, which is HEINEKEN Malaysia's CSR arm. It brings together eight organisations across Malaysia in a joint effort to deliver food aid to communities affected by loss of income or jobs due to the pandemic. The partners involved include Epic, Dialogue Includes All, PWD Smart Farmability, Soroptimist International Damansara, and the Make It Right Movement in Peninsular Malaysia. In East Malaysia, the HEINEKEN Cares program is channeled through Hope Place Kuching and Kupikupi FM in Sarawak, and Hopes Malaysia in Sabah. The type of food aid generally includes cooked meals, groceries, fresh vegetables and fish, and other essentials depending on the needs of the different local communities.



BOLLORÉ: TOWARDS OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

In times of crisis, operational excellence practices can add speed to daily routines and value to emergency planning and preparedness. Bolloré Logistics is happy to announce that it has obtained an integrated global certification comprising of three standards relating to workplace safety (ISO 45001:2018), quality management (ISO 9001:2015), and the environment (ISO 14001:2015) for 420 sites in its network.

The company achieved this certification over the course of three years, in two phases. First, they amalgamated several country certifications under one umbrella. For instance, a single certification was obtained for all entities in the Americas region. Subsequently, all regional certifications were then brought together in a single integrated certificate in a bid to harmonize the company's current procedures.

To further show its commitments towards operational excellence and continuous

improvement, Bolloré Logistics established a set of 14 "golden rules" as a resolution to all the actions having an impact on the client and on their perception of the company's services.

The rules comprise of two parts; the fundamentals, which are standards common to all players in the industry, and those specific to the operations of Bolloré Logistics. For example, the quotation process and transport order management rules uniquely define the company's procedures in this aspect while those on declaration of dangerous and contractual commitments follow industry standard.

All employees are brought up to speed through an online training program, validated by a certification with a validity period, followed subsequently by refresher programs, putting individual expertise at the service of collective intelligence.

In essence, standards establish requirements for quality, performance,

safety, compatibility, and interoperability, to name a few. These standards assure customers that every operational aspect will adhere to stringent quality standards and benefit them in terms of eliminating costly errors, enhancing performance, and improving safety.

Whether the standards are defined by external experts or developed internally, or better still, a bit of both, standardizing processes is a step towards achieving operational excellence, organizations stand to ensure that operations are performed consistently.

This year, Bolloré was also one of 75 leading companies selected by Inbound Logistics magazine that businesses can turn to when seeking green supply chain management and logistics partners. The company was recognized for its Powering Sustainable Logistics program to reduce its CO_2 emissions by 30% on its scope 3 downstream by 2030.

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IMD: WORLD COMPETITIVENESS RANKING

Extracted from the Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Competitiveness Yearbook 2021 by the IMD World Competitiveness Center, Switzerland.

IMD is an independent academic institution with Swiss roots. Founded 75 years ago by business leaders for business leaders, they are based in Switzerland and Singapore, and have been ranked in the Top 3 of the annual FT's Executive Education Global Ranking for the last nine consecutive years, in the top five for 17 consecutive years.

The IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook (WCY), was first published in 1989, and is a comprehensive annual report and worldwide reference point on the competitiveness of countries. It provides benchmarking and trends, as well as statistics and survey data based on extensive research. It analyzes and ranks countries according to how they manage their competencies to achieve long term value creation.



The World Competitiveness Yearbook 2021 (WCY 2021) was released earlier this year. It benchmarks the competitiveness performances of economies around the world and assesses the extent to which a country promotes the prosperity of its people by measuring economic well - being through hard data and survey responses from executives.

The World Competitiveness Ranking is based on 334 competitiveness criterial selected as a result of comprehensive research using economic literature, international, national, and regional sources, and feedback from the business community, government agencies, and academics. The criteria are revised and updated on a regular basis as new theory, research, and data



Above left: The top 10 countries in the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2021. Above right: Competitiveness Ranking in Asia Pacific & the ASEAN Region

become available and as the global economy evolves.

The 2021 edition measures the prosperity and competitiveness of 64 economies and assesses four Input Factors with five sub - factors each, 163 statistical data criteria, 92 Executive Opinion Survey (EOS) criteria, and 79 background information criteria.

It exposed the economic impact of the pandemic across the globe. It finds that qualities such as investment in innovation, digitalization, welfare benefits, and leadership resulting in social cohesion have helped economics better weather the crisis, allowing them to rank higher in competitiveness. It also revealed that countries that had built themselves a certain economic buffer prior to the pandemic fared better, in spite

MALAYSIA Competitiveness & Digital Ranking



THE NETHERLANDS Competitiveness landscape



of infection levels.

Of the 64 economies measured, Malaysia emerged ranked 25th and the Netherlands remained in 4th place (Behind Switzerland, Sweden, and Denmark).

The key areas that the Netherlands per-

MALAYSIA'S PERFORMANCE IN THE World Competitiveness yearbook 2021



formed well in this year were: economic performance, government efficiency, business efficiency, and infrastructure. This year, the Netherlands scored particularly strong on economic performance (2nd) and business efficiency (4th). Infrastructure ranked 7th, and government efficiency 12th.

MALAYSIA & THE NETHERLANDS

MALAYSIA: OVERALL PERFORMANCE



THE NETHERLANDS: OVERALL PERFORMANCE



IMD also reported on the economic challenges facing the Netherlands in 2021. These points were shared with the IMD by the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO - NCW). Firstly, the Netherlands should maximize COVID vaccine rollout so as to safely re - open the

THE NETHERLANDS: KEY ATTRACTIVENESS INDICATORS

From a list of 15 indicators, respondents of the Executive Opinion Survey were asked to select 5 that they perceived as the key attractiveness factors of their economy. The chart shows the percentage of responses per indicator from the highest number of responses to the lowest.



economy as soon as possible. The country needs to create a recovery plan for business, invest in key enabling technologies, build a national consensus on measures to meet the Paris climate goals, and stimulate the construction of vital infrastructure.

Overall, the team at the IMD World Competitiveness Centre noted the following trends:

* Innovation is the bedrock of long term performance, with education and other factors driving a productive workforce and research;

* Digitally advanced economies that have seamlessly transitioned to "Work From Home" have thrived compared to their peers;

* The economies that provide Government Efficiency through a strong social safety net, including unemployment benefits, bounced back quicker;

* Health Infrastructure also had an impact and is dominated by wealthy economies with a strong social net.

For a copy of the full report, or to get additional country information on the WCY report for either Malaysia or the Netherlands, please visit www.imd.org/centers/ world-competitiveness-center/rankings/ world-competitiveness.

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Sweden	2	96.71	Belgium	24	76.44	Greece	46	56.12
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MDEC has made significant strides in its journey so far. They have rolled out their initiatives to the rest of the country (such as MyDigitalMaker, which impacted more than 2.1 million students and equipped more than 90,000 teachers with digital skills to utilize in their classrooms), and

HAPPY 25TH MDEC!

helped bring the nation closer to its digital aspirations by developing things like the Innovative Digital Economy (IDE) Framework. In 2011, MDEC was given the mandate to implement IDE, or Digital Malaysia, which served as the blueprint for the country's digital transformation program. Digital Malaysia refocused MDEC's goals into three key components: Industrial Development, Digital Transformation, and Enabling Environment. Along with the plan came the aspirations for the digital economy to contribute 18.3% to Malaysia's GDP by 2020. These aspirations are now achievements. Malaysia's digital economy contributed 19.1% to the GDP in 2019 and is expected to hit 22.6% by 2025.

For 25 years, MDEC has taken the lead in developing the nation's Digital Economy. Malaysia has transformed from the original start - up nation to one of the leading digital countries in ASEAN. So what comes next for MDEC? It's hard to imagine. For MDEC however, the Future is Now as we are already living in a world that is Digital by Default. The agency will continue to lead Malaysia's digitial transformation for equitable digital economy opportunities, driving a globally competitive digital nation.



Accelerating Digital Society

MDEC has come a long way in the first 25 years, and there is still so much more they can do. The frontier digital technologies of artificial intelligence, robotics, and biotechnology hold great promise for advancing the nation. MDEC recently unveiled the 'Digital Investments Future5' (DIF5) strategy - a five year plan aimed at attracting digital investments and advancing Malaysia's digital economy following the 12th Malaysia Plan. All of these are part of the MyDigital and national 4IR Policy to develop Malaysia.



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NL Embassy: Digitally Engaged



Kingdom of the Netherlands

With COVID restrictions in Malaysia still in place, the Embassy team engaged in multiple online events to support Dutch entrepreneurs by introducing them to local businesses, providing information on developments and by showcasing Dutch solutions for the Malaysian market.

The Embassy organized two "**Ask me Anything**" sessions, specifically aimed at Dutch entrepreneurs with an interest in doing business in Malaysia.

On 30 June, Eva Oskam (Deputy Head of Mission), together with Rob van As (Managing Director, Paques Asia), answered questions about the current situation in Malaysia, the impact of COVID - 19 on doing business, and recent political developments.

On 7 July, Guusta Visser shared insights on exporting to the ASEAN - 5 region. Guusta is the regional Customs Attaché and explained what support the Embassies in the region can provide to Dutch exporting companies and where to find practical information.



both countries were further introduced through online matchmaking. The event was organized in the context of the **Coalition for Defense and Security in Malay-sia**.

The Netherlands aims to lead the way in this development of smart, clean and energy-efficient technologies and global demand for solutions to address climate challenges is rising. To underline this priority,



Malaysia is an interesting market for Dutch healthcare solutions. Between 28 June and 1 July, a delegation of 14 Dutch companies participated in an online mission to Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand.



In order to support Dutch companies in the defense industry, the Embassy together with the Malaysian Ministry of Defense organized its first **Malaysia – Netherlands Defense Industry B2B Dialogue** from 8 to 9 June.

After speakers from both sides highlighted the potential for further defense cooperation between Malaysia and the Netherlands, the 20 participating companies from our Ambassador, H.E. Aart Jacobi, provided opening words to the virtual launch of Shell Malaysia's storybook: **'The Tree, The Sky, The Sun**'.

This story, developed together with key local stakeholders, illustrates what the energy system could like in Malaysia by 2065 to tackle the challenges of climate change and improve the quality of lives for Malaysians. The event was officiated Speakers shared recent developments in the region. In expert sessions, Dutch companies dived deeper into topics such as Medical Education, Hospital Design, and Access to Care, while matchmaking sessions helped to build a local network. The mission was organized in partnership with Task Force Health Care.

MAKING YOUR BUSINESS FUTURE - PROOF

A global pandemic, an increased global drive for sustainability, and a society that is far more well - informed than in the past thanks to the progress in technology. Developments like these make it more important than ever for companies to align their operations with social and sustainable initiatives. The path to economic recovery post COVID - 19 will require businesses to re - evaluate their approach to human rights and environmental sustainability if they want to build more resilience, long - term value, and improve their viability.

Responsible Business Conduct

The Dutch government wants to ensure that Dutch companies engage in socially responsible business practices abroad. Re-

& Responsible Business Conduct (RBC)

sponsible Business Conduct (RBC) means that they should take account of the environment, society, and employees in their operations while striving for economic success.

To make this happen, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs recently reformed its policy on RBC. A smart mix of measures to promote RBC (see Figure 1) is supposed to compel companies into more responsible practices. On the European there is always a way to embed RBC into your operations and your value chain.

By adhering to international standards, your company will be more transparent and subject to less risk. This builds trust among customers, financiers, shareholders, and society as a whole. Furthermore, responsible businesses obtain easier financing, may be a government supplier, and are less susceptible to social pressure and conflict. (local) network if you want to step up your RBC efforts.

What's next?

In August and September, the Embassy will organize two webinars: the first focusing on the concept of RBC, relevant policy, available funds, and other support. Entrepreneurs will also share their experience on working on RBC in Malaysia. The second session will be addressed to the manufacturing sector and explain more about the



Figure 1. Overview of the new Dutch RBC policy

level, the European Commission is also preparing to enforce a new environmental and human rights due diligence law.

What is expected from Dutch companies (abroad)?

When producing goods or providing services, RBC should be at the forefront of a company's business approach. As an OECD member state, the Netherlands expects companies to act in accordance with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, but also with the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights.

Implementing these guidelines can help companies avoid and address adverse impacts related to workers, human rights, the environment, bribery, consumers, and corporate governance that may be associated with their operations, supply chains and other business relationships.

They include additional explanations, tips, and illustrative examples of due diligence and are therefore practical in nature. No matter how small or big the company is,

How can the Embassy help you?

The government wants to make it easier for companies to do business responsibly, regardless of whether it is their own choice or they are required by law. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has taken several measures.

Apart from providing funds to companies that want to research and mitigate RBC risks in their value chains, there is also an online CSR Risk Check for Dutch companies doing business in foreign countries to better understand the different kinds of risks in the countries that they're operating in. Companies may also approach Dutch Embassies abroad to get a better overview of the local risks and how organizations are working to mitigate those risks.

In Malaysia, the Dutch Embassy is currently exploring several initiatives to foster RBC in the country. Webinars, dialogues, and peer - to - peer learning are all on the table, but just as important: the Embassy can also provide you with more information about relevant funds, tools and / or specific risks that are present in this industry, including practical tips on improving supply chain compliance.

Keep an eye on our LinkedIn page (https:// www.linkedin.com/company/embassy-ofthe-kingdom-of-the-netherlands-in-malaysia/) to find out more about the program and registration.

Questions?

Please send an e-mail to kll-ea@minbuza. nl to get in touch with our RBC coordinator. We are happy to be available for help and advice.



MEET THE BOARD



Come get to know MDBC's Board of Directors! Continuing with our spotlight on the members of the MDBC Board, in this issue we introduce you to Philip Kunjappy and Ahmad Hadri Haris. We asked our directors three questions to allow you to get to know them better.

Q1: Please introduce yourself the way you would like to be introduced.Q2: Please explain to our readers what role you play in the MDBC Board.Q3: Any advice you may have for the community (membership and other external readers)? This can either

be based on your role in the Board or general advice on how to maximize your membership with the Council?

Philip Kunjappy (Director, Sime Darby Oils)

A1: Having spent my growing years in a United Plantations estate in Perak, I returned to join the plantations industry after more than six years of working and studying to qualify as an accountant in the UK. The organizations I have been involved with include K. L Kepong, Island & Peninsular, Felda, and Sime Darby. Since 2005, I have relinquished my finance role and have been in the Marketing and Procurement functions which have included extensive travels to facilities all over the world including the Netherlands. My leisure pleasures include reading, golf, and travelling. As such, I am eagerly awaiting current MCO restrictions to be lifted and for the borders to reopen.





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A2: I joined the MDBC board in 2015, where I was the first representative of a Malaysian company. I must say that I truly enjoy the frankness, camaraderie, and open discussions at our board meetings. My role here includes giving inputs from a Government Linked Company (GLC) perspective and some insight on promoting "sustainability" in the corporate arena. I also serve on the board compliance committee.

A3: Do make full use of the numerous events organised by the MDBC which aims to satisfy all interest groups. These occasions provide a wonderful platform to mingle with top company executives from your customers, suppliers, even competitors, and Government agencies like MIDA, MITI, IRD etc. Personally, MDBC has, with the assistance of NFIA, even set up meetings at the Hague for me to help resolve certain issues faced by an entity in Holland.

Ir Ahmad Hadri Haris (APAC Policy & Advocacy Lead on Power & Gas, Shell)

A1: For 24 years, I have been directly involved in energy development in Malaysia, particularly on renewable energy and green technology. I am always driven to find or create solutions that could improve our daily lives in a more sustainable manner.

This path, albeit challenging, has led me to many unique opportunities, such as leading the GoM - UNDP - GEF (Gov't of Malaysia – United Nations Development Programme – Global Environment Facility) project to develop market for solar photovoltaics in buildings which then led to the design of renewables feed - in tariff and the passing of Renewable Energy bill in the Parliament.

I also had the opportunity to write the National Green Technology Policy, and the National Renewable Energy Policy. And I had the privilege to lead GreenTech Malaysia in catalysing electric mobility, green financing, green procurement, and green cities in Malaysia.

Although there were many, but some of my notable memories were: bringing a group of Malaysian policy makers to visit the city of Amersfoort in the Netherlands which at that time was one of the best references for a solar city; being directly involved in founding the Green Bank Network and promoting Green Sukuk;



being responsible to initiate electric vehicle charging ecosystem and created a special project with Tesla. My fondest moments were showing Malaysian public and policy makers the first fully electric Tesla Model S in Malaysia, as well as being chosen for the prestigious Prime Minister's award during the 2017 Labour day celebration, and being specially chosen for the IVLP (International Visitor Leadership Program) by US Dept of State, and the ALP (Austrian Leadership Program) by the Austrian Government.

In 2017, I joined Shell and was privileged to continue this journey and helped Shell to implement solar power at 300 Shell stations in Malaysia, and partnering with Porsche to implement the first high performance charging network to enable seamless travel in electric vehicles between Singapore - Malaysia - Thailand.

A2: MDBC is privileged to have many capable and good board members. Thus, my role is more focused towards enhancing MDBC's sustainability programme and fostering external network. I was first introduced to MDBC's Sustainability Award back in 2013 when I became one of the judges and especially when MDBC was participating in the annual IGEM exhibition. Thus, in my role as the Board member, I continue to enhance these opportunities. In 2019, MDBC then introduced short videos as part of the submissions for MISA which became a great success. And in 2021, MDBC played a key role in the launch of Shell's The Tree, The Sky, The Sun, which provides a pathway for Malaysia

to achieve carbon - neutral future. I am blessed to be able to work who a great MDBC team and we continue to look for opportunity to further advance sustainability agenda in Malaysia.

A3: The COVID pandemic which started in early 2020, and the imposed lockdowns continue to greatly impact our daily lives and many businesses operations. However, it is during this period that we truly appreciate the value of being MDBC members, particularly on two key aspects:

MDBC continues to provide up to date information and guidance, as well as being our voices to the Government, especially MITI, to help Government understand the impact of the various procedures to businesses and enable businesses to continue to operate which is important in sustaining jobs and well-being of the society.

MDBC continues to advocate for sustainability as we slowly recover from the covid pandemic and resuming our normal activities, so that we can resume our lives and businesses in more sustainable manner with more emphasis to address the climate change issue.

Therefore, I urge all of us to continue to be involved in MDBC activities and leverage on MDBC's network and platform to pursue sustainability agenda, and re - model businesses for the future resilience against the impact of climate change. MDBC certainly provides the best opportunity to bring Malaysia and the Netherlands closer and enable all of us to benefit from innovation and sustainability leadership of the Dutch people.

Editor's Note:

Due to retirement and a changing role within the organisation respectively, Philip and Hadri will not seek re - election at the MDBC Annual General Meeting in September 2021.

The MDBC Chairman on behalf of the Board of Directors, and the MDBC Executive Director on behalf of the MDBC Team, would like to record our appreciation of the contributions made and active participation by Philip and Hadri, and thank them for their support to the Council during their long tenure as Directors.





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New Start for EV in Malaysia

A NEW START FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN MALAYSIA

With EUROCHAM Malaysia's Automotive Sector Committee

On 19 May, EuroCham Malaysia, together with MDBC, held a webinar titled 'A New Start for Electric Vehicles in Malaysia'.

The Malaysian Government annouced this year that they were mulling over new measures to foster the development of Electric Vehicles (EV) in Malaysia.

Attendees to this webinar were brought up to date on the latest developments and current state of EV motoring in the country, and were informed on its anticipated future prospects - including the current situation and future of EV private light and commercial vehicles, the charging network, tax and other incentives, the environment, industrial competition in Southeast Asia, and more.

Charging stations are fundamental to EV infrastructure. Currently, Malaysia has about 500 public AC charging stations and nine DC fast charging stations (with another 10 in development). There are plans to set up a network of 1,000 DC rapid charging stations around the country by 2025, providing users with the ability to fully charge their cars within an hour (as opposed to eight hours by regular AC charging points). So good news for EV owners with range anxiety.

The government has also put into place its road tax structure for EV. They calculate it based on the vehicle's motor kilowatt output (instead of the traditional engine cc displacement previously utilised). It is important to note, however, that the road tax rates for other private vehicle types besides saloons / sedans, are different.

Private saloon motorcars – individual (code AB) and company registration (AC)

with a rated output of 80 kW and below, the rates are RM 20 for 50 kW and below
/ RM 44 for 50 - 60 kW / RM 56 for 60 -70 kW / RM 72 for 70 - 80 kW.

Vehicles with a rated motor output of above 80 kW will have a base road tax applied, as well as a progressive rate calculated into the final sum.

For private vehicles aside from saloon motorcars (like SUVs) – individual (code AD) and company registration (AE) – with a rated output of 80 kW and below, the rates are 50 kW and below – RM 20 / RM 45.50 for 50 kW to 60 kW / RM 50 for 60 kW to 70 kW / RM 60 for 70 kW to 80 kW.

Vehicles in this category with a rated motor output of above 80 kW will have a base road tax applied as well as a progressive rate added into the final sum.

Speakers for this event included:

- YBHG Dato' Madani (Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia Automotive Robotics and IoT Institute (MARii))
- Hughes Fabre (Head of Planning and Product Development, STELLANTIS South East Asia)
- Francesco Floris (Head of Trade & Economic Relations, Delegation of the European Union to Malaysia)
- Christopher Hunter (Chief Executive
- Officer, Sime Darby Auto Performance)
- Datuk Haji Ir. Khalilur Rahman Ebrahim (Executive Chairman, EV Innovation / MyKar)
- David Lantz (Sustainability Manager, Scania Malaysia)
- Lee Yuen How (Director JomCharge, EV Connection Sdn Bhd)
- Datuk Shahrol (President, Malaysian EV Owners Club (MyEVOC))

Moderator:

- Pierre Brochet (Head of EuroCham Automotive Committee).

Healthcare Digital Revolutions

MDBC members were invited to join a webinar on digital revolutions in healthcare due to the COVID - 19 pandemic. The pandemic has pushed the healthcare industry to face the most abrupt and demanding changes. Patient experience has suffered, while operational and financial viability are challenged.

To mitigate the challenges from the COVID - 19 pandemic, digital solutions

can be used to restore the industry in an effective manner.

Invited speakers were Dr. Caren Andexer (Chief Executive Officer, Integrated Health Plans) and Lee Eng Guan (Head of Partnership, AXA Affin General Insurance Berhad).



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Briefing by the Director General of Health & Update on the Pandemic



On 24 July MDBC members were invited to an exclusive webinar with YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah (Director - General of Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia) titled "Update on the COVID - 19 Pandemic in Malaysia".

The Director - General shared his insights and updates on the COVID - 19 pandemic in Malaysia. This was the best - attended webinar which gave dozens of attendees the opportunity to pose questions to Malaysia's best - known civil servant who has been providing the daily updates on Malaysia's COVID - 19 pandemic.

A day earlier, Eurocham Malaysia, together with its bilateral chambers and some corporate members had the opportunity for a dialogue with (at that time) Prime Minister YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to discuss the pandemic and lockdown measures, vaccination progress, and concerns raised by member - companies on doing business in Malaysia related to support measures, immigration matters and the investment climate.

A similar dialogue was held with Minister in the Prime Minister's Office for Economic Affairs, YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamad.









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ADCN WEBINARS:

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In collaboration with ADCN partner chambers, MDBC members were invited to a webinar on the Metropolis of the Future. Guest speakers from the Eindhoven Industrial Project Office (EIPO) and Signify Vietnam were featured.

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Duong's sustainable economic growth, based on the successful introduction of the Triple Helix collaboration model.

The triple helix model of innovation refers to a set of interactions between academia, industry, and government to foster economic and social development. It gives rise to new intermediary institutions such as technology transfer offices and science parks, and has blurred the foundaries of the traditional basic roles of each.

Also presenting was Duong Phung Hoai (General Manager, Signify Vietnam) who described Signify's smart city vision, as well as explained how to make cities smarter and move liveable with connected lighting. Signify (formerly known as Philips Lighting) is a Dutch company that is a market leader in its recognition of smart street lighting's integrated with the broader smart cities market.

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The rise of the digital economy has forced policy makers all around the globe to deal with some of the fundamental issues of taxation. There has been an avalanche of tax proposals to further facilitate cross border trade, but also to ensure that all companies: traditional and digital, are paying their fair share. A few of the recent proposals of the European Commission will have severe impact on any and all web shops, online platforms, and market places that sell, or facilitate sales in, or to the EU.

The first package VAT modernization rules for cross border e - Commerce were introduced on 1 July 2021. Under these new rules, digital market places have a responsibility to collect VAT ont he sale of goods to EU consumers. Businesses may consider using the one - stop - shop declarative (OSS) system for their reporting obligations. Under the second proposal (DAC7), platform operators would be required to collect and verify the identification of sellers and to report annually to the EU Member State in which they have registered. Should this proposal be adopted, it would be

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applicable from 1 January 2022.

Examples of potentially affected platforms include livestreaming apps that allow users access to events / performances at a fee, digital platforms facilitating peer - to - peer sale of goods or services between users, and platforms servicing the on - demand / access economy like car pooling or ride - hailing apps, marketplace for freelance services, tech companies providing food delivery platforms, virtual marketplaces for goods, online travel agents, and more. Sellers (or providers of services), whether individuals or of any



legal form, making use of such platforms for commercial purposes will have their details and income notified to the tax authorities of the EU Member States. International tax and trade experts from Loyens & Loeff (in conjunction with industry experts) provided information on the framework of the new EU VAT rules, and explained what actions need to be taken, by when, by Asian based web shops, online platforms, etc. Industry experts from leading logistics providers and regional online platforms shared their experience in a panel discussion at the end of the webinar.

the tree the sky the sun

A Pathway Towards Malaysia's Carbon-Neutral Future

A story of how the country could reach the *sky* - carbon-neutral by 2065 - with its unique advantages of *tree* and *sun*

Developed by Shell Malaysia in consultation with key local stakeholders, The Tree, The Sky, The Sun: A Pathway towards Malaysia's Carbon-Neutral Future describes a technically possible but challenging pathway for Malaysia to achieve a carbon-neutral energy system by 2065. It calls for fundamental changes to Malaysia's energy system, at a pace which will be challenging for any nation to meet.

Discover how Malaysia could reach carbon-neutrality by 2065 at www.shell.com.my/treeskysun



Shell Malaysia: The Tree, The Sky, The Sun



Shell has been developing possible visions of the future since the early 1970s, helping generations of Shell leaders, academics, governments, and businesses explore ways forward and make better decisions. Shell Scenarios ask "what if?" questions, encouraging leaders to consider events that may only be remote possibilities and stretch their thinking.

A widespread assumption about the energy system is that it will remain static and that decades will pass with emissions at the current levels or even increasing as more coal is used in developing economies, more oil is used for transport, and more gas is used for heat and power.

This assumption leads to the view that 4, 5, or even 6°C of warming will occur. However, the reality is that a confluence of pressures is driving change, underpinned by the physical reality of a changing climate. These growing pressures play out in all future scenarios, although in different ways and at different paces:

- The climate changes;
- * Global surface temperature continues to rise, and impacts become more apparent;
- * Sea level continues to rise with visible consequences. - Activism rises;
- * Voters pressure cities, states, and countries to develop green policies;
- * Shareholders push companies to take on net zero emission goals and targets.
- Local and national governments act;

- * Ongoing actions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) and the Paris Agreement drive ongoing action, with the emergence of net - zero emissions (NZE) as a framing concept;
- * Incentives and mandates drive down the cost of new energy technologies and lead to further uptake;
- * Large NZE policy frameworks are established and new NZE policy frameworks begin to emerge.
- Technology develops; and
- * Renewable energy access becomes cheaper; * New developments in physics, chemistry, and
- materials science emerge;
- * Digitalisation of society rapidly increases.
- Markets evolve.
- Financial markets distance themselves from fossil fuel investments, particularly coal;
- * Climate related financial disclosures bring transparency;
- * Businesses and consumers demand lower carbon footprint products and are prepared to pay for them;
- * Markets develop to support low carbon investment;
- * Alternatives to coal, oil, and gas become increasingly competitive.

Shell Malaysia developed **'The Tree, The Sky, the Sun**', an aspirational scenario that illustrates a technically possible, but challenging pathway for Malaysia to achieve a carbon - neutral energy system by 2065. It calls for fundamental changes to Malaysia's energy system, at a pace which would be challenging for any nation to meet.

The following is extracted from their scenario.



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Malaysia has a chance to deliver economic growth that is environmentally sustainable by relying on low - carbon sources of energy, adopting new technologies, and preserving and restoring the country's natural carbon sinks - its forests. While Malaysia starts from a position of strength with its natural advantages of 'tree' and 'sun', the pace of change will need to accelerate.

The economy - wide transformation required to achieve a carbon - neutral state is underpinned by carbon pricing, or the external cost of carbon, which is phased in starting from 2026. This drives reallocation of capital and resources toward low - carbon and energy efficient choices.

By 2065, renewable sources of energy will dominate a deeply electrified energy system. Solar is the country's single largest energy source, coal has been phased out, and the remaining natural gas in the energy mix is used primarily to support renewables. Biofuel displaces oil as the preferred liquid fuel for transportation and is used increasingly to meet the demand of difficult to electrify sectors such as aviation and shipping.

Hydrogen starts to emerge in the 2030s as a fuel for industry and transport. Gains in energy efficiency allow the country's increase in final energy demand to remain marginal, despite healthy economic growth. Any remaining emissions from the energy system are removed by nature or technology - reforestation of an additional 5.8% of Malaysia's land mass captures up to 29 million tonnes of CO_2 per year.

Crucially, it will take policy frameworks and open public engagement to create societal support for action and enable the development of low - carbon solutions and green technologies. Strong collaboration across government, business, and society will be crucial to make progress at the pace required for the energy system to be carbon - neutral by 2065.

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