

PRESS STATEMENT

PIKOM WELCOMES REOPENING OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES DURING CONDITIONAL MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER

Kuala Lumpur, 4 May 2020 - PIKOM expresses its appreciation to the Government for the reopening of economic sectors starting 4th May 2020 as announced by Prime Minister YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin last Friday.

“We are thankful for this decision after weeks of engaging with the relevant Ministries on our request and appeal for IT support and services to be allowed to operate during the MCO. We met with Science, Technology and Innovation Minister YB Tuan Khairy Jamaluddin to explain that IT support and services is essential to keep businesses running during the period of lockdown. We are appreciative that the Government, including the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia and Ministry of International Trade and Industry, assisted us in this.” says Danny Lee, Chairman of PIKOM, the National Tech Association of Malaysia.

Danny also mentioned, “We have advised our members to adhere and comply to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for our industry. Failure to comply may defeat the purpose of flattening the curve and may result in additional measures to be put in place.”

PIKOM also would like to urge all economic sectors that reopen on Monday onwards to practice caution and care, maintain social distancing and follow the restrictions appended in the SOP. While the infection rates continue to be of concern, we recommend that employers allow and encourage employees to work from home and provide the necessary tools to remain connected and productive. Only in situations where it is necessary, the employee would be required to work from the office or onsite.

Big and small companies rely on stable IT infrastructure and application to operate. PIKOM applauds the IT staff who have been working tirelessly to ensure systems are up and running. Danny added, “They are the unsung heroes in keeping us connected during this period of MCO. With the adjusting to the new normal, the value and contribution of IT personnel will be even more crucial.”

PIKOM continues to emphasise that with IT support and services, technology remains available and accessible round the clock, allowing our economic sectors to continue to operate during the MCO.

About PIKOM

PIKOM, THE NATIONAL TECH ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA, is the association representing the technology (TECH) industry in Malaysia. Its membership currently stands at more than 1,000 active companies involved in a whole spectrum of TECH products and services which command 80% of the total TECH business in Malaysia.



National Tech Association of Malaysia

The 5 Chapters under PIKOM cover OM, CIO, Cybersecurity; E-Commerce: Venture Investment. These chapters help improve and drive the business climate for all member companies, together with promoting industry growth in line with different national aspirations, along the following approaches:

As the Voice of the Tech Industry, PIKOM embraces the task of growing the size and capabilities of the TECH industry in Malaysia by creating opportunities for its members as well as all Malaysians to capture the benefits offered by advances in TECH by focusing on the following:

- Spearhead, promote & encourage development of resources, professional skills and programmes in Malaysia's TECH industry.
- Represent the local TECH industry to the Government and private sector both local and overseas.
- Provide a platform for TECH players and users to meet, network, learn and share ideas in order to grow the industry and improved applications.
- Foster high standards of conduct, service and performance throughout the TECH industry.
- Promote and market local TECH services to the region and overseas.

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