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Dear Craig,

Welcome to the December edition of our NewsLink from your “Chamber of Choice”! As we reach the close of 2024, it’s a moment for reflection on the dynamic year that has unfolded and a time to look ahead with optimism and purpose.

This year has been a testament to the resilience and adaptability of the Malaysian-German business community. Together, we have weathered challenges, seized opportunities, and made meaningful strides in strengthening the economic ties between Malaysia and Germany. The partnership between our two nations remains as vital as ever, and in 2024, we have seen further diversification and growth in trade, investment, and innovation.

The global economy faced uncertainties, but businesses within our network have demonstrated remarkable agility in embracing new technologies, optimising their operations, and pivoting to meet changing market demands. From green energy to digitalisation, our members have led the charge in areas that are shaping the future of commerce.

2025 is poised to be yet another interesting year with Malaysia taking the lead as ASEAN chair which will allow the country to set the tone and be an example to the region as it grows in prominence among investors in Europe, especially Germany. As geopolitical dynamics evolve, businesses need to stay informed and nimble, adapting to the changing environment to maintain a competitive edge.

As we wrap up this year, I would also like to take a moment to invite you to our last event of 2024, Jingle and Mingle, happening this Friday. It’s a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the festive season and connect with you in a relaxed and joyful setting.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the Chamber. I look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and success as we continue to strengthen our business community.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Jan Noether
Executive Director

CHAMBER NEWS



Unlock New Business Opportunities in Germany with North Rhine-Westphalia!

Explore unparalleled business opportunities in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), Germany's economic powerhouse and a gateway to European markets. Renowned for its thriving industries like manufacturing, technology, logistics, and healthcare, NRW offers Malaysian investors a dynamic platform to expand.

Join us and NRW Global Business GmbH at a Business Exploration Session for key insights into this vibrant region. Register your interest by **15 January 2025** and start transforming your business vision into reality. Contact **Sherena Wong** for more details!

**Register
here**

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Explore Cambodia's Promising Market with Our Fact-Finding Mission

Embark on an exciting journey to Cambodia this August 2025 with our exclusive Fact-Finding Mission, organised in collaboration with the Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar Delegation of German Industry and Commerce. This initiative presents Malaysian businesses with a unique opportunity to tap into Cambodia's rapidly growing economy, supported by robust trade ties, tax incentives, and special economic zones designed to attract investors.

Participants will explore Phnom Penh through visits to key government agencies, local businesses, and industry sites while engaging in impactful networking sessions. The programme also includes tours of prominent trade shows like the Cambodia International Industrial Machinery Fair and the Cambodia International Textile & Garment Industry Exhibition 2025, offering invaluable insights into Cambodia's diverse business landscape.

Join our webinar on **25 February at 3.00 pm** to learn more. Register your interest by **24 January 2025**, or contact [Sherena Wong](#) for further details.

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Partnering for Progress: Unlock Opportunities with Us This Year

The year 2025 is off to a dynamic start as we press ahead with ambitious plans for projects and delegations. Our roadmap is designed to create impactful opportunities, fostering growth for businesses and advancing the industry landscape in Malaysia.

We are eager to collaborate with you and welcome your participation in initiatives that promise substantial benefits for all stakeholders involved.

Malaysian Hydrogen Delegation to Chiang Mai, Thailand

6 - 7 February 2025

In partnership with GIZ (the German Corporation for International Cooperation), MGCC is facilitating a Malaysian Delegation to the Chiang Mai Hydrogen Knowledge Hub in Thailand. This initiative includes a comprehensive two-day Public Training (Management & Technical), hosted at Chiang Mai University – Nakorping, scheduled for 6–7 February 2025.

Participation in the training is complimentary; however, travel expenses shall be borne by the attendees. Availability is limited to 10 participants, with slots assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. For further details, please reach out to [Amanda How](#).

German Aviation & Aerospace Delegation to Malaysia (MEP)

26 - 30 May 2025

Under the auspices of the Market Entry Program (MEP), backed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, MGCC, in collaboration with SBS GmbH, NAICO, and MAIA, is orchestrating a business delegation of German technology and solution providers specialising in Aviation and Aerospace. This delegation will take place in Malaysia from 26 to 30 May 2025.

Participate in our Conference and B2B sessions to connect with esteemed German experts and foster valuable industry linkages. Attendance is free of charge. For further information, kindly contact [Aliya Azahar](#).

4th Purchase Initiative ASEAN - Connect with German Industry Buyers Online

16 June - 4 July 2025

The German Industry Buyers Delegations to Malaysia from 2022 to 2024 achieved remarkable success, drawing approximately 60 German companies annually to source products from Malaysian manufacturers and suppliers. In collaboration with the Association for Supply Chain Management, Procurement, and Logistics, Germany (BME), MGCC will once again spearhead this esteemed online initiative, scheduled from 16 June to 4 July 2025.

This platform presents an unparalleled opportunity to engage with German buyers. Participation is free of charge. For further details, please contact [Aliya Azahar](#).

German purchasers will focus on sourcing manufacturers and suppliers in key sectors such as Machinery and Equipment, Metal Parts, Diecasting, Welding, Plastics, and

Synthetics. Selected and qualified Malaysian suppliers will participate in exclusive online B2B meetings with these discerning buyers.

Hydrogen Technologies Training in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

August 2025

In collaboration with GIZ (the German Corporation for International Cooperation), MGCC will host a comprehensive two-day workshop on Hydrogen Technologies in Kuala Lumpur this August 2025.

Participation is complimentary and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For further details, please contact [Amanda How](#).

Delegation from the State of Thuringia to Malaysia

8 - 12 September 2025

From 8 to 12 September 2025, MGCC will proudly host a Business Delegation from the German State of Thuringia, organised by the State Development Corporation of Thuringia (LEG Thuringia). This delegation will comprise companies from diverse sectors seeking to uncover new business prospects in Malaysia.

Engage with the delegation and discover the unique opportunities and innovations that the State of Thuringia brings to the table. For further details, please contact [Patricia Chin](#).

Delegation from the State of Northrhine-Westphalia to Malaysia

10 - 12 September 2025

From 10 to 12 September 2025, MGCC, in collaboration with NRW.Global Business GmbH, will host a Business Delegation from the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia, centred on the Biotechnology Industry.

Seize the opportunity to connect with the delegation and uncover the wealth of expertise and innovation North Rhine-Westphalia has to offer. For further information, please contact [Sherena Wong](#).

Industry 4.0 Delegation (MEP)

27 - 31 October 2025

As part of the Market Entry Program (MEP) supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, MGCC, in partnership with AMENA Trade & Invest, will organise a business delegation of German technology and solutions providers specialising in Automation and Industry 4.0. This delegation is set to take place from 27 to 31 October 2025.

Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in our Conference and B2B sessions, where you can engage with leading German experts in the field. Participation is complimentary. For

more information, please contact
[Patricia Chin](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS

Malaysia and Singapore Forge Ahead with Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone

The Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) took a significant step forward with the signing of a Joint Agreement, witnessed by the Prime Ministers of both nations during the 11th Malaysia-Singapore Leaders' Retreat.

This landmark agreement, complemented by six Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and a Letter of Intent (LOI) covering diverse areas such as education, climate change, and urban development, outlines ambitious plans to elevate bilateral cooperation. Key highlights include three newly proposed Flagship Zone Areas (FZAs) and incentives across 11 priority sectors, targeting sectors like aerospace, medical devices, and green economy initiatives.

With a phased expansion strategy aiming to attract 50 projects within five years and 100 within a decade, the JS-SEZ is set to enhance regional competitiveness and unlock value for investors globally. Ratification is expected by Q3 2025.

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MGCC EVENTS
**NEW YEAR'S
RECEPTION**

FUNCTIONAL WORKSHOP
**HR & FORENSIC -
WHERE IS THE
INTERSECT?**



Date: Thursday, 16 January 2025
Time: 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Venue: Hyatt Centric City Centre Kuala Lumpur

Members register
[here](#)

Non-members register
[here](#)



Date: Tuesday, 21 January 2025
Time: 10.00 am - 11.30 am
Venue: MGCC Office

Register here

UPCOMING TRADE FAIRS



International Trade Fair for Toys Industry



28 January - 1 February 2025 | Trade
Fair Centre, Nurembergmesse,
Nuremberg

**International Trade Shows for Optics
& Design**

31 January – 2 February 2025 | Trade
Fair Center Messe München

**INHORGENTA
MUNICH**



**Europe's leading industry platform
for jewelry, watches and gemstone**

21 - 24 February 2025 | Trade Fair
Center Messe München

**Asia's largest trade fair for the
photonics industry**

11 - 13 March 2025 | Shanghai New
International Expo Centre (SNIEC)



**International trade fair for electronics
development and production**

26 - 28 March 2025 | Shanghai New
International Expo Centre (SNIEC)

**Vietnam Largest International Trade
Fair for Laboratory Technology,
Biotechnology and Analysis**

2 - 4 April 2025 | Saigon Exhibition &
Convention Centre (SECC)



**World's Leading Trade Fair for
Construction Machinery, Building
Material Machines, Mining Machines,
Construction Vehicles and
Construction Equipment**

7 - 13 April 2025 | Trade Fair Center
Messe München



**International trade fair for the
electronics industry in Asia**

15 - 17 April 2025 | Shanghai New
International Expo Centre (SNIEC)



**Asia's Leading trade fair for
Environmental Technology
Solutions: Water, Waste Air and Soil**

21 - 23 April 2025 | Shanghai New
International Expo Centre (SNIEC)



**International trade fair for laboratory
technology, analysis, biotechnology
and diagnostics**

23 - 25 April 2025 | Bombay Exhibition
Centre (BEC)

MEMBERS PRIVILEGES

Discover exclusive rates with our member hotels.

Enjoy a luxurious stay with amazing member rates at **EQ Hotel Kuala Lumpur** and **Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur**.

Contact [MGCC Memberships](#) for more information on the rates available.

**Rates are only applicable for MGCC members*



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Enjoy exclusive benefits from our members to our members with the **Members4Members** programme! Explore deals from various industries like F&B, consulting services, flights, automotive and much more exclusively for MGCC members!

Visit our [Members4Members](#) page to learn more about these offers.

OTHER NEWS



Looking for sustainable raw materials?

The Raw Materials Contact Point is here to connect businesses with the resources you need! Whether it's mineral resources, intermediate goods, or circular economy solutions, this platform offers tailored support to help you find the right suppliers.

This initiative is a collaboration between the German Raw Materials Agency (DERA), the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), and Germany Trade & Invest (GTAI) featuring raw material competence centres at eight German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHKs), which are part of the German Mining Networks. Secure the sustainable raw materials your business needs [here](#).

Bekanntmachung für Deutsche zur Wahl zum Deutschen Bundestag

Am 23. Februar 2025 findet die Wahl zum Deutschen Bundestag statt.

Deutsche, die außerhalb der Bundesrepublik Deutschland leben und im Bundesgebiet keine Wohnung mehr innehaben, können bei Vorliegen der sonstigen wahlrechtlichen Voraussetzungen an der Wahl teilnehmen.

Für ihre Wahlteilnahme ist u. a. Voraussetzung, dass sie

1. **entweder** nach Vollendung ihres 14. Lebensjahres mindestens drei Monate ununterbrochen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland 1) eine Wohnung innegehabt oder sich sonst gewöhnlich aufgehalten haben und dieser Aufenthalt nicht länger als 25 Jahre zurück liegt, oder aus anderen Gründen persönlich und unmittelbar Vertrautheit mit den politischen Verhältnissen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland erworben haben und von ihnen betroffen sind;

sowie

2. in ein Wählerverzeichnis in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland eingetragen sind. Diese Eintragung erfolgt nur auf Antrag. Der Antrag ist auf einem Formblatt zu stellen; er kann bereits seit Mitte November 2024 gestellt, respektive abgesandt werden. Einem Antrag, der erst am 03. Februar 2025 oder später bei der zuständigen Gemeindebehörde eingeht, kann nicht mehr entsprochen werden (§ 18 Abs. 1 der Bundeswahlordnung).

Antragsvordrucke (Formblätter) sowie informierende Merkblätter sind online auf der Seite der Bundeswahlleiterin (www.bundeswahlleiterin.de) erhältlich. Sie können – sofern Sie über keinen Internetzugang verfügen sollten - auch bei

- den diplomatischen und berufskonsularischen Vertretungen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland,
- den Kreiswahlleitern in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

angefordert werden.

Für die Zustellung der Wahlunterlagen besteht die Möglichkeit, den amtlichen Kurier zu nutzen. Die Botschaft weist darauf hin, dass der Zeitraum zwischen der frühestmöglichen Bereitstellung der Briefwahlunterlagen durch die Wahlkreise ab dem 4.2.25 und dem Wahltermin sehr kurz ist. Mit Blick auf einen möglichst frühen Eingang der Wahlunterlagen bei den zuständigen Wahlkreisen müssen die ausgefüllten Briefwahlunterlagen bis spätestens 14.2.2025 in der Botschaft vorliegen. Das Auswärtige Amt kann jedoch auch bei Nutzung des amtlichen Kurierwegs keine Gewähr für eine rechtzeitige Zustellung der Wahlunterlagen übernehmen.

Weitere Auskünfte erteilen die Botschaften und berufskonsularischen Vertretungen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland.

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