

MARCH 2025 ISSUE

# NewsLink360°

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**Dear Craig,**

Welcome to the March edition of our NewsLink from your “Chamber of Choice”!

As we step into a new month, we are excited to share some fantastic news that highlights Malaysia’s resilience and its growing reputation as a business hub.

Last week, Malaysia announced a historic achievement in approved investments for 2024, reaching a record-breaking RM378.5 billion – marking an impressive 14.9% year-on-year growth. This not only represents the highest investment figure in Malaysia’s history but also underscores the country’s strong economic recovery despite global challenges. Notably, foreign investments remain robust, with Germany emerging as the second-largest foreign investor in Malaysia at RM32.2 billion. We commend the Malaysian government for its tireless efforts in positioning the country as a safe haven for foreign investors amid global volatility.

On that note, Malaysia’s current chairmanship of ASEAN presents a unique and timely opportunity to leverage this momentum, positioning the country as a key player in fostering deeper regional collaboration. This leadership role offers an ideal platform to highlight Malaysia and ASEAN as attractive destinations for investment, driving growth and strengthening the region’s global competitiveness.

In addition to this exciting news, we are thrilled to share that planning for our Automotive Industrial Working Group is in full swing. If you are part of the automotive ecosystem or energy sector, this is your personal invitation to join our network, explore new opportunities together, and let us be the official voice of the German economy in Malaysia.

Lastly, we are delighted to invite you to this month’s Ladies Sundowner, featuring a refreshed format. Along with valuable networking, we’ll have a panel discussion with prominent female leaders, followed by a tea-tasting session. This is an event you certainly won’t want to miss!

*Mit freundlichen Grüßen*

**Jan Noether**  
**Executive Director**

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING NEWS

### Strengthening Talent Development: MySIP Briefing with TalentCorp

The MGCC VET Department recently hosted a briefing session with TalentCorp, GDVT training institutions, and industry partners to discuss the **National Structured Internship Programme (MySIP)**. Led by Mr. Nakeeran from TalentCorp, the session provided valuable guidance on how businesses can leverage the programme to offer structured, hands-on learning experiences for students while benefiting from financial incentives.

Employers hiring full-time Malaysian students from IPTA/IPTS, international higher learning institutions, or TVET centres for TalentCorp-endorsed structured internships may qualify for a **double tax deduction** on related expenses.

#### Eligibility Criteria for MySIP Incentives

To qualify for the MySIP incentive, your organisation must meet the following criteria:

- Provide a minimum internship period of 10 weeks
- Offer a minimum monthly allowance of:
  - RM600 for Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Advanced Skills Diploma (DLKM), or Professional Certificate (or equivalent)
  - RM500 for Diploma, Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM) Level 1–3, or Diploma Kemahiran Malaysia (DKM) (or equivalent)
- Ensure an internship framework that provides practical experience, emphasises skill development, and is approved by TalentCorp
- Be registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM)
- Complete MySIP registration at [www.mynext.my](http://www.mynext.my)

For further details, reach out to [sip@talentcorp.com.my](mailto:sip@talentcorp.com.my).

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### Strengthening Workforce Development: The Transition from SLDN to ADI

The MGCC VET Department recently hosted an online briefing with training and industry partners to discuss the rebranding of **Sistem Latihan Dual Nasional (SLDN)** to **Akademi Dalam Industri (ADI)**. Led by Dr. Nalienaa A/P Muthu, Senior Assistant Director of JPK's Competency Certification Division, the session provided key insights into the transition, its objectives, and its impact on industry-driven training initiatives.

The rebranding aims to eliminate confusion while better aligning vocational training with industry needs. ADI introduces a flexible, work-based learning model designed to produce highly skilled workers in real-world environments, mirroring global best practices seen in Germany and France. Two pathways define the program: ADI Perantisan (Train & Place), which offers structured training with certification, and ADI Pekerjaan (Place & Train), which provides certification based on experience. To support participation, workers aged 18-40 years with under two years of employment may qualify for financial incentives, including a monthly training allowance of up to RM1,000. With strict quality assurance measures and JPK's oversight, ADI is set to elevate workforce competency, boost employability, and enhance Malaysia's industrial competitiveness.

## CHAMBER PROJECTS



### German Industrial Buyers Delegation Returns for 2025!

The German Industrial Buyers Delegation is making its much-anticipated return to Malaysia for the fourth time this June 2025! Organised by MGCC in partnership with the Association for Supply Chain Management, Procurement, and Logistics, Germany (BME), this initiative connects 50 to 60 German purchasers with Malaysian and Thai manufacturers and suppliers. Key sectors include **Machinery & Equipment, Metal Parts, Diecasting, Welding, Plastics, and Synthetics** — fostering valuable cross-border collaborations.

Pre-qualified suppliers will participate in virtual B2B meetings with German buyers. An online briefing session will be held on Thursday, 6 March 2025, at 4.00 pm to provide more insights.

Register now to explore new business opportunities or contact [Aliya Azahar](#) or [Patricia Chin](#) for further details.

Register  
here



## Fact-Finding Mission to Cambodia

We are thrilled to invite you to our Fact-Finding Mission to Cambodia from 13 – 15 August 2025—a unique opportunity to connect with key industry players, explore the local market, and gain first-hand business insights.

Why You Shouldn't Miss This Mission? This high-impact, 3-day business delegation offers:

- **Expert Insights:** Gain a comprehensive understanding of Cambodia's business environment, opportunities, and challenges through a country briefing by the Chairman of EuroCham Cambodia & President of German Business Cambodia.
- **First-Hand Experience:** Hear from a German company about their journey and success in the Cambodian market.
- **Strategic Discussions:** Participate in a roundtable discussion with EuroCham's Business Committee.
- **High-Level Engagement:** Attend exclusive meetings with senior government officials and industry representatives.
- **Premium Networking:** Connect with influential business leaders at exclusive dinners hosted by the EU Delegation, Malaysian Embassy, and EuroCham members.
- **Exclusive Company Visits & Meetings:** Gain direct access to potential business partners.

- **Industry Insights & Trade Fair Access:** Stay ahead of market trends.

For more information on the programme, rates and how to register, please visit our website via button below.

[Learn more](#)

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## Upcoming Projects for 2025

### **German Aviation & Aerospace Delegation to Malaysia 26 - 30 May 2025**

As part of the Market Entry Program (MEP), supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Change, MGCC—alongside SBS GmbH, NAICO, and MAIA—will organise a German Business Delegation on Aviation & Aerospace from 26 – 30 May 2025. Join the conference and B2B meetings to connect with German technology providers and industry leaders. Participation is free of charge. For further information, please contact [Aliya Azahar](#).

### **Delegation from the State of Thuringia to Malaysia 8 - 12 September 2025**

Between 8 – 12 September 2025, MGCC will welcome a Business Delegation from Thuringia, organised in partnership with the State Development Corporation of Thuringia (LEG Thuringen). Featuring companies across diverse industries, this delegation aims to establish new business connections in Malaysia. Don't miss the chance to network and discover business opportunities from one of

### **Hydrogen Technologies Training in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia August 2025**

In August 2025, MGCC, in cooperation with GIZ (the German Corporation for International Cooperation), will conduct a two-day workshop on Hydrogen Technologies in Kuala Lumpur. This complimentary session will be open on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested participants may contact [Amanda How](#) for details.

### **Delegation from the State of Northrhine-Westphalia to Malaysia 10 - 12 September 2025**

From 10 – 12 September 2025, MGCC, in collaboration with NRW Global Business GmbH, will host a Business Delegation from North Rhine-Westphalia with a dedicated focus on the biotechnology sector. This initiative provides a unique opportunity to engage with key industry players, explore potential collaborations, and gain insights into the innovative landscape of

Germany's thriving economic regions. For more information, contact [Patricia Chin](#).

North Rhine-Westphalia. For further details, please reach out to [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 Change, MGCC, in collaboration with AMENA Trade & Invest, is hosting a German Business Delegation on Automation & Industry 4.0 from 27 – 31 October 2025.

This initiative offers an exclusive platform to connect with leading German technology and solutions providers through a conference and B2B meetings. Seize this opportunity to explore cutting-edge advancements and establish valuable partnerships. Participation is free of charge. For further details, reach out to [Patricia Chin](#).

## **IMMIGRATION NEWS**

### **Key Takeaways from the ePASS Briefing & Business Clinic**

On 27 February 2025, MGCC had the privilege of attending the Briefing and Business Clinic on Expatriate Immigration Policies and the Way Forward, organised by the Department of Immigration Malaysia and TalentCorp. A key focus of the session was the introduction of the ePASS for pass endorsement under the Expatriate Services Division (ESD), officially implemented on 1 March 2025. This initiative aims to streamline expatriate employment procedures, enhance security, and improve efficiency for both employers and expatriates working in Malaysia.

Employers and recipients can verify ePASS details via the provided QR code in the ePASS, ensuring accuracy in displayed information. Verification is also available through the e-SEMAKAN Portal and authorised Immigration platforms, including ESD Online, RPT Online, MTEP online, DE Rantau Nomad online, Xpatnova online and Expats Online.

Additionally, the Department of Immigration Malaysia outlined upcoming enhancements in the Way Forward portion, to the expatriate employment framework, including the introduction of a Graduate Pass (12-month visa) and an Investors Pass, as well as new policies on expatriate employment including revision on the minimum salary as well as duration of the passes.

These updates reflect Malaysia's commitment to fostering a competitive and business-friendly environment for global talent. Further details will be announced by the Immigration Department.

For any concerns regarding ePASS with relevant authorities, please contact [Fairuz Razak](#).

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## **MYXPATS Centre Operation Hours During Ramadan 2025**

In conjunction with the holy month of Ramadan, please be informed of the revised operation hours for the MYXpats Centre:

Counter Operation and Collection Hours:

9:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m (Monday - Friday)

Call Centre Operating Hours:

9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Break Times & Closure:

1:00 p.m - 1:30 p.m (Monday - Thursday)

12:15 p.m - 2:45 p.m (Friday)

Closed on Weekends & Public Holidays

For further assistance, please e-mail:

**Employment Pass, Professional Visit Pass, and related passes:** [helpdesk@myxpati.com.my](mailto:helpdesk@myxpati.com.my)

**Residence-Pass Talent (RP-T):** [rptcare@myxpati.com.my](mailto:rptcare@myxpati.com.my)

**Returning Expert Programme (REP):** [rep@talentcorp.com.my](mailto:rep@talentcorp.com.my)

## **JOIN OUR EVENTS**

**FUNCTIONAL WORKSHOP  
MYXPATS:  
NAVIGATING  
EXPATRIATE  
SERVICES AND  
LOCAL TALENT  
INTEGRATION**

**MGCC EVENTS  
INTERCHAMBER  
LADIES  
SUNDOWNER**





**Date:** Wednesday, 12 March 2025  
**Time:** 9.30 am - 1.00 pm  
**Venue:** MGCC Office, Kuala Lumpur

[Register here](#)

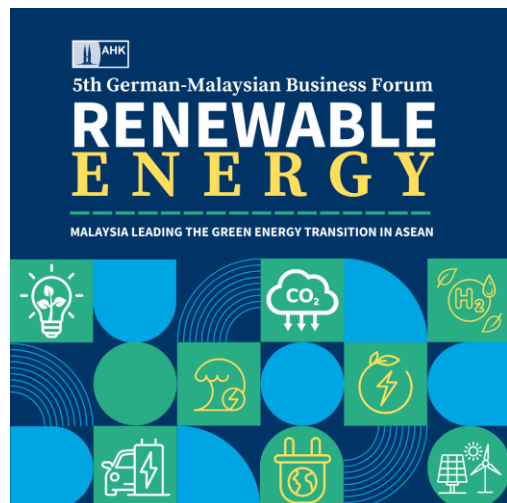


**Date:** Thursday, 20 March 2025  
**Time:** 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm  
**Venue:** Raw, Else Retreats

[Register here](#)

## FUNCTIONAL WORKSHOP WHY SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS & HOW TO GET STARTED

## MGCC EVENTS 5TH GERMAN- MALAYSIAN BUSINESS FORUM







**Date:** Wednesday, 19 March 2025  
**Time:** 10.00 am - 11.30 am  
**Venue:** MGCC Office, Kuala Lumpur

[Register here](#)

**Date:** Tuesday, 15 April 2025  
**Time:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm  
**Venue:** Auditorium Azman Hashim,  
AICB Centre of Excellence, Kuala  
Lumpur

[Save the date](#)

## UPCOMING TRADE FAIRS



**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)



**World's Leading Trade Fair for the  
baking and confectionery industry**

18 - 22 May 2025 | Trade Fair Center,  
Düsseldorf, Germany



**The world's Leading Trade Fair for  
logistics, mobility, IT, and supply  
chain management**

2 - 5 June 2025 | Trade Fair Center  
Messe München



**The leading exhibition for smart  
automation and robotics**

24 - 27 June 2025 | Trade Fair Centre  
Messe München



**World's leading trade fair with  
Congress for Photonics  
Components, Systems and  
Applications**

24 - 27 June 2025 | Trade Fair Centre  
Messe München

## MEMBERS PRIVILEGES

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.

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## MGCC Job Market

Our members are currently

# HIRING

- Luther Kuala Lumpur - Associate Lawyer
- Stanton Chase - Head of Government Relation

[Click here to learn more](#)



Looking for a career change or know someone that can fit the job? Find out on the latest opening in our MGCC Job Market.



## OTHER NEWS

### Operation Hours During Ramadan 2025

During the holy month of Ramadan, the Reception at MGCC will be operating from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Muslim readers a blessed and peaceful Ramadan.

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