

APRIL 2025 ISSUE

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Dear Customer,

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

This month is shaping up to be exciting, with a range of activities designed to engage and inspire our network. I’m pleased to share some of the key highlights and initiatives we’ve been busy with, all of which contribute to our collective progress.

Just yesterday, we had the privilege of hosting a premium members business luncheon with Tan Sri Wahid Omar, Chairman of Bursa Malaysia. His invaluable insights on leadership, corporate governance, and the future of the Malaysian economy set the stage for meaningful discussions. The event also provided an excellent platform for networking and strengthening business relationships.

Looking ahead, our annual flagship event, the 5th German-Malaysian Business Forum, will take place on 15 April. This year, the forum will focus on the critical and growing sector of renewable energy. With climate change and sustainability at the forefront globally, this event will offer a unique opportunity to explore innovative solutions, share best practices, and discover new avenues for collaboration in renewable energy. If you haven’t registered yet, I personally invite you to join us for this significant event, where you can expect thought-provoking discussions with forward-thinking companies.

On the internal front, my colleague and I will be hosting a team briefing on German investments in Malaysia. This session will deepen our understanding of industry trends, identify key sectors, and explore strategies to further enhance bilateral economic growth.

Lastly, I’d like to highlight an upcoming compliance workshop we’ll host in collaboration with Luther. The workshop will focus on recent reforms to Malaysia’s Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA), which will impact data controllers and processors. With data privacy becoming increasingly important, this session will

provide valuable insights on how your organisation can align with the latest regulatory requirements.

We remain committed to driving business growth and strengthening the partnership between Germany and Malaysia. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you a productive and successful April.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Jan Noether
Executive Director

VOCATIONAL TRAINING NEWS

Forging a Meaningful Partnership with Siemens to Empower Future Talent

The Vocational Training department had the pleasure of meeting Mr Amiruddin Zahamail, Training Program Director (ASEAN), SIEMENS Industry Training to explore collaboration in support of Siemens Training initiatives. The conversation was filled with shared purpose and enthusiasm as we discussed ways to shape the future of industrial training and talent development.

A special highlight was the introduction to the Siemens Xcelerator Experience Center (SSEC)—a truly inspiring space where digital innovation meets hands-on learning. Designed to uplift Malaysia's industrial capabilities, SSEC reflects a shared vision of progress, inclusion, and transformation.

This marks the beginning of what we hope will be a long and impactful partnership between MGCC and Siemens. We look forward to co-creating opportunities that empower people and strengthen industries—together.



Discussion on ADI Rebranding, COPTPA Implementation, and GDVT Awareness Strategy with JPK

On 14 March 2025, the Vocational Training team met with representatives of Department of Skills Development (JPK) Cyberjaya to deliberate on the rebranding of ADi (Academy in Industry) from SLDN (National Dual training System), the forthcoming implementation of Code of Practice for TVET Programme Accreditation (COPTPA), and strategic measures to enhance awareness of the German Dual Vocational Training programme among school students. The session provided an opportunity to engage with Ts. Azizi bin Bahari, Deputy Director of the Competency Assessment Division – SLAPB and SLDN Assessment Unit, along with his team, ensuring a comprehensive discussion on these pivotal initiatives.

Key Discussions Included:

- A detailed briefing on the ADi rebranding under SLDN.

Deepening Collaboration with TalentCorp on GDVT Integration

The Vocational Training Department had a meaningful follow-up discussion with the team at TalentCorp to further align the shared vision for vocational education and training in Malaysia. The session offered an opportunity to present a more comprehensive overview of our initiatives, with a special focus on the German Dual Vocational Training (GDVT) programme.

The meeting was an important step in bridging our efforts—ensuring that TalentCorp gains a deeper understanding of how GDVT functions and how it can be seamlessly integrated with MYSIP and other incentive frameworks. Strengthening this collaboration opens doors for our GDVT industry partners while reinforcing Malaysia's broader talent development ecosystem.

The team is optimistic about the journey ahead and look forward to building on this partnership to elevate vocational training opportunities nationwide.

- Updates on the mandatory COPTPA implementation, effective from 1st January 2026.
- Exploration of potential collaboration between JPK and MGCC to bolster GDVT program awareness among school students.

This discussion offered valuable insights and laid the groundwork for enhanced cooperation between MGCC and JPK, reinforcing our shared commitment to advancing vocational education in Malaysia.



CHAMBER PROJECTS



MGCC in collaboration with SBS systems for business solutions (SBS), is spearheading a business delegation of German technology providers to Malaysia in May 2025, focusing on the Aerospace & Aviation sector.

Supported by the BMWK Market Development Programme and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), this initiative will showcase Germany's cutting-edge aerospace solutions, renowned for their innovation, precision engineering, and global influence. Project partners include the National Aerospace Industry Association Malaysia (NAICO) and Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA), ensuring a comprehensive engagement with the industry.

The Conference and Business Matching Event will feature presentations from German solution providers coupled with individually arranged business matching sessions on 27

and 28 May 2025, providing an excellent platform for aerospace and aviation industry stakeholders to exchange insights and forge strategic collaborations. Seize the opportunity to engage directly with German experts and propel your business to new heights.

For detailed information on the German technology providers, please click [here](#).

To register, please contact [Aliya Azahar](#).

Upcoming Projects for 2025

Hydrogen Technologies Training in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia August 2025

In August 2025, MGCC, in cooperation with GlZ (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 North Rhine-Westphalia. For further

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

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.

details, please reach out to [Sherena Wong](#).

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

Introduction to the Investor Pass

With reference to the announcement made by YB Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, Minister of Home Affairs, on 12 March 2025, the newly introduced **Investor Pass** will officially take effect on **1 April 2025**.

This initiative aims to streamline entry processes and enable extended stays in Malaysia, fostering a more business-friendly environment for investors.

About the Investor Pass

What is the Investor Pass?

The Investor Pass is a multiple-entry visa (MEV) designed to facilitate business activities for foreign investors and business visitors. It is specifically tailored for those who have committed to investing in Malaysia through recognised investment agencies or relevant authorities.

Who is eligible to apply?

Foreign investors or business visitors who meet either of the following categories can apply:

1. **New Investor:** Potential investors without any prior investment record in Malaysia.
2. **Investor in Pipeline:** Investors currently in negotiations with the Malaysian Government, engaged with investment agencies, or in the process of obtaining project approvals through MIDA.

Conditions:

1. Applicants must be outside of Malaysia when applying.
2. Dependent Pass applications are not permitted under this scheme.

3. The Investor Pass allows entry into Malaysia for six (6) months, with an option for a one-time extension of an additional six (6) months, subject to justification and business requirements.

For further information or clarifications please contact [Fairuz Razak](#).

JOIN OUR EVENTS

5th German-Malaysian Business Forum

RENEWABLE ENERGY

MALAYSIA LEADING THE GREEN ENERGY TRANSITION IN ASEAN

Keynote Address by
YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad
Minister of Natural Resources & Environmental Sustainability (NRES)

Fireside Chat with
YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafriul Tengku Abdul Aziz
Minister of International Trade and Industry

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The 5th German-Malaysian Business Forum: Renewable Energy, Malaysia Leading The Green Transition in ASEAN

As Malaysia takes on the ASEAN Chairmanship, the nation reaffirms its commitment to advancing sustainable energy and fostering a greener economy. This high-level forum will convene industry leaders, government representatives, and experts to explore key opportunities, challenges, and strategies for strengthening regional cooperation, increasing clean energy investments, and building a robust renewable energy ecosystem.

Distinguished speakers include **YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad**, Minister of Natural Resources & Environmental Sustainability (NRES), who will provide insights into Malaysia's role in driving green growth, and **Mr Tobias Pierlings**, Head of Division, External Economic Policy, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), who will highlight Germany's commitment to green economic cooperation. The forum will conclude with an engaging fireside chat featuring **YB**

Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister of International Trade and Industry, offering a strategic outlook on the region's sustainable energy future.

Date: Tuesday, 15 April 2025

Time: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Venue: Auditorium Azman Hashim, AICB Centre of Excellence

Members
registration

Non-members
registration

FUNCTIONAL WORKSHOP DPOs & BREACH NOTIFICATIONS



Date: Thursday, 17 April 2025

Time: 10.00 am - 11.30 am

Venue: MGCC Office, Kuala Lumpur

[Register here](#)

MGCC EVENTS GOLDEN GALA: CELEBRATING GERMANY'S BEST HARVESTS



Date: Friday, 13 June 2025

Time: 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Venue: JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur

[Save the date](#)

FUNCTIONAL WORKSHOP LAYING THE FOUNDATION TOWARD NET ZERO TARGET FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR



Date: Tuesday, 22 April 2025
Time: 10.00 am - 11.30 am
Venue: MGCC Office, Kuala Lumpur

[Register here](#)

UPCOMING TRADE FAIRS



**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

» IAA MOBILITY

**Germany's Leading International
automotive trade fair**

9 - 14 September 2025 | Trade Fair
Centre, Messe München



**World's Leading Trade Fair for the
Beverage and Liquid Food Industry**

Sep 15-19, 2025 | Trade Fair Centre
Messe München



**India's leading B2B fair for toys,
children's product and sports goods
Mumbai**

Oct 6 – 8, 2025 | Trade Fair Centre,
Bombay Exhibition Centre (NESCO)
Mumbai



**Southeast Asia's Largest
International Exhibition for Ceramics**

Oct 15-17, 2025 | IMPACT Exhibition &
Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand



Southeast Asia's Only International Exhibition for the Natural Stone Industry

Oct 15-17, 2025 | IMPACT Exhibition &
Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

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.

MGCC Job Market

Our members are currently

HIRING

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

[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



MPC-Siemens Tech-Talent Collaboration to Boost Productivity, with a Target to Upskill 10,000 Industrial Talent

The Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) and Siemens have signed a landmark MoU to train 10,000 industrial talents over three years, marking a major step in Malaysia's digital transformation. Launched alongside the Siemens Xcelerator Experience Center (SXEC), this initiative will leverage advanced technologies like AI, cloud computing, and digital twins to drive industrial upskilling, sustainable workforce development, and enhanced business productivity. The collaboration supports Malaysia's vision under the New Industrial Master Plan 2030 (NIMP2030) and aligns with the nation's role as ASEAN Chair in 2025, reinforcing its position as a regional hub for investment, technology, and innovation.

The event, officiated by Minister of Investment, Trade, and Industry (MITI), Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, highlighted the role of public-private partnerships in boosting industrial competitiveness. MPC Chairman, Datuk Kamaruzzaman Johari, emphasised the importance of talent development, with programmes like Flextivity and Akademi Dalam Industri (ADI) playing a crucial role in equipping the workforce for high-demand industries such as advanced manufacturing and robotics. Siemens Malaysia CEO, Mr. Tindaro Danze, reaffirmed Siemens'

commitment to fostering digitalisation and innovation, ensuring that even SMEs can benefit from scalable digital solutions. Read more [here](#).

20th Anniversary WMAM Annual Conference 2025

Waste Management Association of Malaysia (WMAM) is delighted to invite you to the 20th Anniversary WMAM Annual Conference 2025. This year's conference, themed "Smart Waste Management: Harnessing Technology for a Greener Tomorrow", promises to be a dynamic platform for knowledge sharing and networking, gathering key stakeholders from across the waste management industry by integrating innovative solutions such as AI, IoT, and automation, we can optimise waste collection, recycling, and disposal processes.

Privilege for early bird registration for WMAM Annual Conference 2025

- Complimentary pass as per purchased number to join the I-KPKT x JPSPN Symposium officiated by YAB Minister Nga Kor Ming, Minister of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia.
- Chances of paper submission for poster presentation for the symposium.
- Discounted rate of additional 5% for members, and non-members

Exclusive Offers for 20th Anniversary WMAM Annual Conference's Sponsors

WMAM as partner for I-KPKT x JPSPN Symposium 2025 - Sustainable Waste Management would like to offer exclusive privilege to all WMAM conference's sponsors (First 15 sponsors only)

- Complimentary booth at the I-KPKT x JPSPN symposium (Date: 5 May 2025, I-KPKT Bukit Tinggi; to be officiated by YAB Minister Nga)
- Complimentary passes for I-KPKT x JPSPN symposium as per WMAM Conference's sponsorship package
- Chances to submit abstract to present a paper (30 mins) during the symposium (limited to 6 slots)
- Chances of paper submission for poster presentations for the symposium (limited to 30 slots)

To register please email secretariat@wmam.org.

**Download the conference
programme**

Showcase Your Brand & Hire Top Talent at APU's Flagship Career Fair

Asia Pacific University (APU) cordially invites organisations to participate in the forthcoming APU Mega Career Fair (AMCF) 2025. This flagship event presents a prime opportunity for employers to engage directly with emerging talent, foster meaningful industry-academia connections, and identify future leaders from a globally diverse student body.

Why join AMCF 2025?

- Fully Sponsored Booth for all employers
- More than 15,000 Local and International Students
- More than 50,000 Alumni
- Access to over 4,000 Internship & Graduating Students
- Diversified Talent Pool from more than 130 Countries
- A great platform to strengthen your brand presence on campus

Register your slot at <https://tinyurl.com/amcf25registration>

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