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MDEC's MALAYSIA DIGITAL INVESTMENTS ACCELERATES AI NATION BY 2030

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 DECEMBER 2025 – Malaysia's digital economy investment continues to record strong momentum, reinforcing the nation's ambition to become an AI Nation by 2030 and strengthening its position as a leading digital innovation hub in ASEAN.

For Q3 of 2025, Malaysia recorded RM54.13 billion in approved Malaysia Digital (MD) investments, generating 21,815 high-value jobs across 402 digital companies, highlighting sustained investor confidence in the country's digital ecosystem and reflects Malaysia's long-term AI-driven growth trajectory.

Minister of Digital, YB Gobind Singh Deo said the strong investment momentum reflects Malaysia's readiness to lead in the AI era, enabling the nation to move up the value chain from being users of technology to becoming creators of globally competitive AI solutions.

"Becoming an AI Nation by 2030 requires more than innovation. It demands strong digital foundations, trusted infrastructure, skilled talent, and robust global partnerships. The continued inflow of high-quality digital investments into Malaysia demonstrates international confidence in our policies, our talent, and our long-term vision for responsible and inclusive AI-driven growth," said Gobind Singh Deo.

The top 4 sources of approved digital investments were **Singapore**-based investors, contributing **RM25.1 billion,** followed by **Malaysia** investors committed **RM17.2 billion,** the **United States** at **RM6.4 billion,** and **China** at **RM3.0 billion.**

Despite cautious global investment conditions in 2025, Malaysia's digital economy continued to pivot towards employment-intensive and high value segments, particularly in AI. AI-related investments alone accounted for 8,328 jobs created, representing 38% of total projected employment, reflecting rising demand for digital professionals, data scientists, AI engineers, and specialised service talent.

The Klang Valley continues to be the focal point of digital investments, with W.P. Kuala Lumpur and Selangor attracting 88% of total investments, amounting to RM47.8 billion and nearly 90% of the 19,417 digital jobs created, supported by mature infrastructure, strong talent concentration, and high ecosystem readiness.

Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) Chief Executive Officer, Anuar Fariz Fadzil, echoes minister's statement, noting that Malaysia continues to stand out as a preferred destination for AI investments.

"Malaysia is a premier destination for both foreign and domestic AI investments, driven by its strategic position as a digital hub within ASEAN and a highly skilled local talent workforce. MDEC's commitment to developing future-ready talent in partnership with the tech industry has created a supportive ecosystem that enables innovation, scalability, and long-term growth," he said.

MDEC's Malaysia Digital (MD) initiatives continue to attract global leaders across high-value AI technology stacks, shaping a local ecosystem where AI is developed responsibly, adopted widely, enables the local companies to expand globally. These efforts place Malaysian-based companies at the centre of the nation's AI transformation, including those operating within the Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) ecosystem.

"By providing targeted incentives, proactive investor facilitation, and close policy alignment, MDEC ensures a seamless investment journey while strengthening cross-border digital investment opportunities", Anuar added.

As MDEC approaches its 30th anniversary in 2026 and Malaysia advances towards AI Nation 2030, Malaysia Digital (MD) initiatives will remain a cornerstone in driving innovation, strengthening competitiveness, creating high-value jobs, and ensuring that the nation's AI future is inclusive, sustainable, and globally relevant.

For more information on MDEC's initiatives and support for digital investments, please visit https://mdec.my/malaysiadigital.

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