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MEDIA STATEMENT

**Special Working Arrangement for MDEC Employees Following
Announcement by YAB Prime Minister of Malaysia to Address
Covid-19 Threat**

Cyberjaya, 17 March 2020 – Following the announcement by YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Bin Mohd Yassin, Prime Minister of Malaysia, on 16th March 2020 to address the Covid-19 threat faced by the country, the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) has immediately activated its Business Continuity Management (BCM) plan and implemented a special working arrangement for its employees.

Effective 18th to 31st March 2020, MDEC will implement a Work-From-Home (WFH) arrangement supported by Alternative Work Arrangement (AWA) guidelines for all employees.

To ensure minimal disruptions to its operations, MDEC has introduced digital communications tools and technologies such as video and tele-conferencing, remote working collaborative platforms and online customer experience to connect with all external stakeholders as well as between its employees.

For those employees who are required to be physically present in the office, MDEC has already taken the necessary steps to ensure their health and welfare is taken into consideration while they are at their workplace.

It is important to note this is not a lockdown. The Government has decided to implement the Movement Control Order, which is made under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 and the Police Act 1967.



Should you have any enquiries regarding the Movement Control Order, you may contact the National Operations Management Centre at hotline 03-88882010 starting 12 noon today.

MDEC has also launched a campaign to raise awareness and mitigate against the spread of the Covid-19 threat with a series of short videos across its social media channels that encourage a digital approach to combat Covid-19.

These WFH measures follow precautionary actions taken earlier as follows:

- Installed multiple hand sanitizer stations within all MDEC premises.
- All visitors to undergo body temperature scan at the point of entry.
- Intensified hygiene awareness among employees.
- Daily frequent cleaning and sanitization of common/public areas.
- International travel restrictions.
- For employees who have travelled or transited through the high-risk countries in the past 2 weeks are required to self-distance and work remotely for two weeks from the date of return.
- The above also applies if there was “close contact” with anyone who has visited these countries recently.

While these new measures are in place, MDEC will take every effort to operate with minimal disruptions. However, MDEC will continue to monitor the situation closely and urge the digital economy stakeholders and the Malaysian public to follow the guidance of the MoH.

The well-being and safety of our employees and stakeholders remain our top priority. MDEC reiterates that all employee benefits will continue to be in force.

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Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) is a government agency under the purview of the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia entrusted to lead Malaysia's digital economy forward. Incorporated in 1996 to oversee the development of the MSC Malaysia initiative, MDEC's primary mandate today is to accelerate the growth of digitally-skilled Malaysians, digitally-powered businesses and digital investments in Malaysia. MDEC is focused on creating inclusive, high-quality growth through the nationwide digitalisation initiatives that are in line with the Government's Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 and firmly establishing Malaysia as the Heart of Digital ASEAN.

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