



# Digital Economy in Tourism Sector in Malaysia

Conference on Future of Work for Tourism Sector in Malaysia (Post Covid-19)

### DIGITAL ECONOMY IN A NUTSHELL





## The digital economy cuts through all aspects of life,

- the way people interact
- the economic landscape
- the skills needed to get a good job
- political decision-making



## Our emerging digital economy has the potential

- to generate new scientific research and breakthroughs
- fueling job opportunities
- economic growth
- improving how people live their lives

# MALAYSIA HAS A BROADER DEFINITION OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY THAN OECD

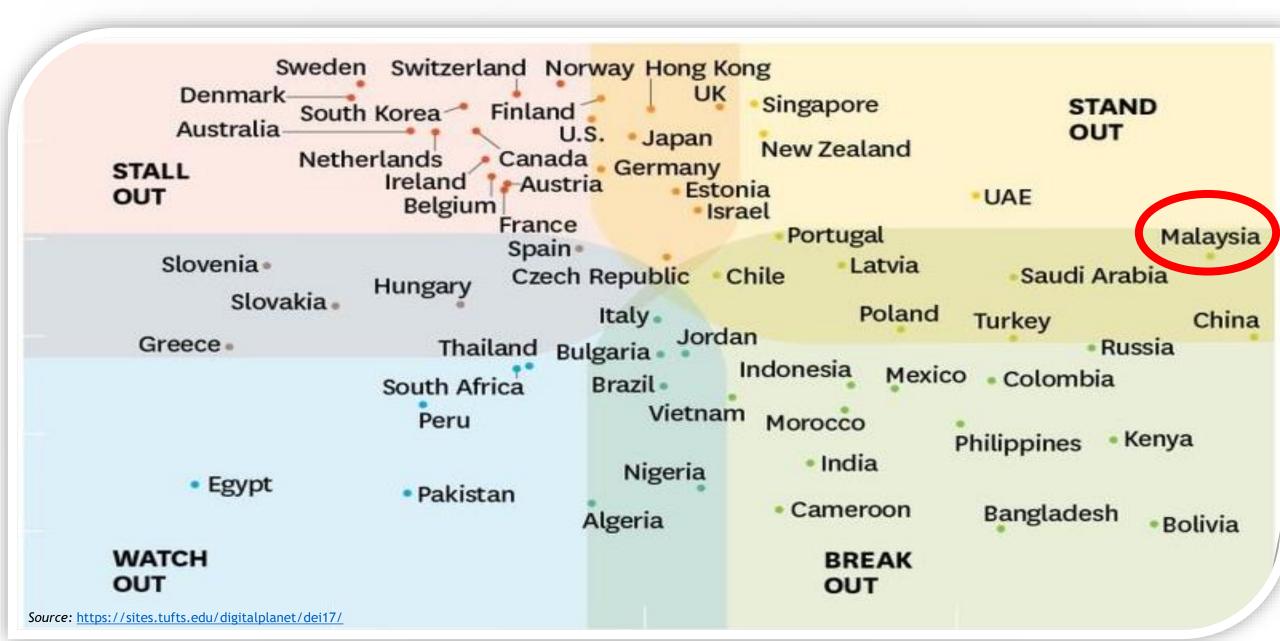


	OECD	Malaysia	
Commonalities	ICT manufacturing; software publishing; telecommunications; computer programming, consultancy, and information and related activities		
Differences		ICT wholesale and retail trade; Content and media activities; Other ICT services such as repair of machinery, E&E and optical equipment; Installation of industrial machinery and equipment, etc.	
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How do we measure the State of our Digital Economy?

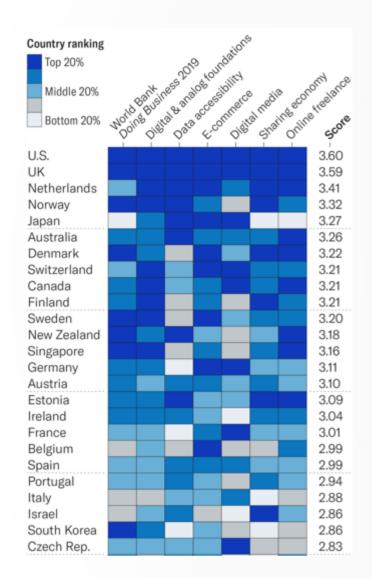
Source: World Bank 2018.

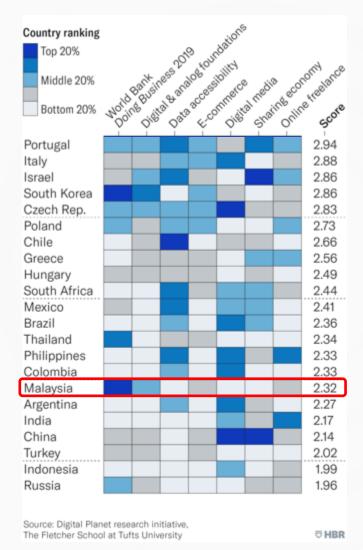
## DIGITAL ECONOMY (GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE) MEEC



### EASE OF DOING DIGITAL BUSINESS







Ease of Doing Business (EODB)	Ease of Doing Digital Business (EDDB)
Malaysia: Ranks 15th in 2019 (out of	Malaysia: Ranks 37 <sup>th</sup> out of 42 countries
EODB reforms mainly targeted at nondigital business concerns	Network coverage ~ challenges to data accessibility, interoperability & transfer

# IMD DIGITAL WORLD COMPETITIVENESS RANKING 2019







Malaysia ranks 26<sup>th</sup> in 2019, out of 63 countries assessed in term of each economies capacity to adopt and explore digital technologies leading to transformation in government practices, business models and society in general.

The ranking examines three factors:

- 1. **Knowledge**, which measures the know-how necessary to discover, understand and build new technologies;
- 2. **Technology**, which evaluates the overall context that enables the development of digital technologies;
- **3. Future Readiness**, which assesses the level of preparedness to exploit digital transformations.

## DIGITAL ECONOMY (ASEAN PERSPECTIVE)



**Digital** transformation roadmap for the years 2018 to 2025 built off a master plan drafted by the Digital Economy Development Committee (DEDC).



Smart Urban
 Development
 Plan(2016 – 2030)
 Future Digital

(2030 - 2045)

**Economy Roadmap** 



Digital Transformation Strategy 2022

 Thailand 4.0
 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2017-2021)



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**Digital Cambodia** – towards Industry 4.0



**Digital Economy Council** - coordination will be implemented at the national level and will play a specific role in pioneering policy directions on digital economy towards a Smart Nation



- Industry4wrd
- DETF
- MTEP

Smart Nation



Indonesia 4.0

EVERYONE IS ACCELERATING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND BOOSTING DIGITAL ECONOMY

### DIGITAL ECONOMY (ASEAN PERSPECTIVE)



POTENTIALS OF DIGITAL ECONOMY IN ASEAN

If ASEAN were a single economy, its GDP would be the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in the world

ASEAN's digital economy is 7% of GDP vs. 16% for China, 27% for EU & 35% for the U.S

ASEAN has great potential to go digital with its sizeable economies, demographic dividend and continuous regional integration

Southeast Asia's nine unicorns – Bukalapak, Go-Jek, Grab, Lazada, Razer, Sea Group, Traveloka, Tokopedia and VNG have received the majority of funds attracting US\$16 billion of the US\$24 billion invested in the region

### MALAYSIA AT A GLANCE





#### TOTAL POPULATION

Million Source: DOSM

#### TOP 3 INTERNET ACTIVITIES BY INDIVIDUALS, 2019



Participating in social networks

2019:97.1%

2018:96.5%



Downloading images, movies, videos or music; playing or downloading games

2019:84.7%

2018:81.7%



Finding information about goods or services

2019:83.5%

2018:83.1%

**INTERNET PENETRATION** 

90.1% from total population In 2019

Source: DOSM

#### **SMARTPHONE USERS**



**MOBILE PAYMENT** TRANSACTION VALUE

expected to reach in Billion 2017 - 2021

Source: STATISTA

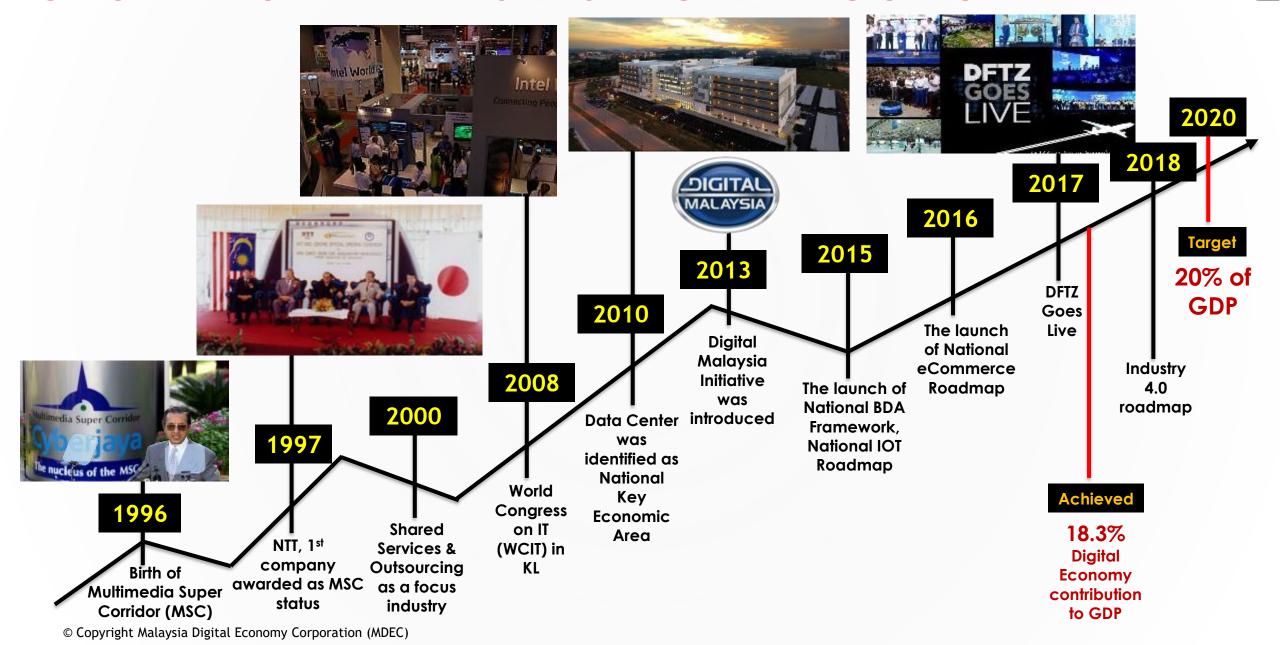
#### **ONLINE BANKING PENETRATION**



Source: ICT Use and Access By Individuals and Households Survey Report, DOSM, 2019

### GROWTH OF MALAYSIA'S DIGITAL ECONOMY INTEGER



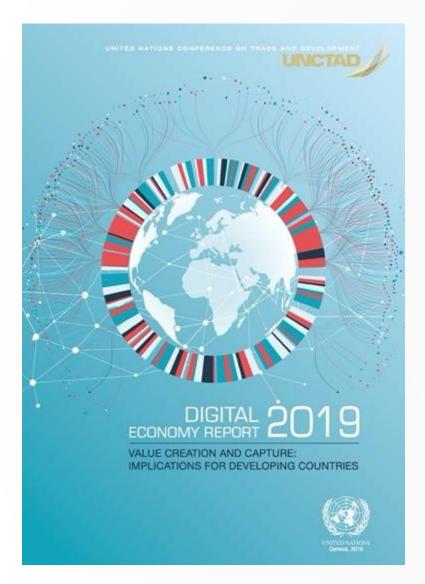


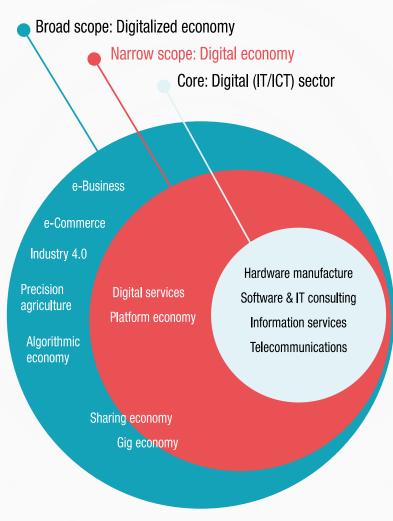
### IMPACTS OF DIGITAL ECONOMY



### THE EVOLVING DIGITAL ECONOMY







Source: Bukht and Heeks, 2017: 13.

"That part of economic output derived solely or primarily from digital technologies with a business model based on digital goods or services" Bukht and Heeks, 2017

#### **Role of Digital Platforms**

"Digital platform provides the mechanism for bringing together a set of parties to interact online."

"Transaction platforms are two/ multi-sided markets with online infrastructure that support exchanges between a number of different parties."

"Innovation platforms create environments for code and content producers to develop applications and software ...."

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## THE FUTURE OF JOBS: THE ROLE OF DIGITAL





#### Technological, Demographic and Socio-Economic Trends Affecting Business Models

#### Impact felt already

- » Rising geopolitical volatility
- » Mobile internet and cloud technology
- » Advances in computing power and Big Data
- » Crowdsourcing, the sharing economy and peer-to-peer platforms
- » Rise of the middle class in emerging markets
- » Young demographics in emerging markets
- » Rapid urbanization
- » Changing work environments and flexible working arrangements
- » Climate change, natural resource constraints and the transition to a greener economy

2015-2017

- » New energy supplies and technologies
- » The Internet of Things
- » Advanced manufacturing and 3D printing
- » Longevity and ageing societies
- » New consumer concerns about ethical and privacy issues
- » Women's rising aspirations and economic power

2018-2020

- » Advanced robotics and autonomous transport
- » Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- » Advanced materials, biotechnology and genomics

### GIG, FREELANCE & SHARING ECONOMY





- Sharing Economy
- Platform Economy
- Freelance Economy
- Gig Economy
- **Crowd Economy**
- On-Demand Economy
- Collaborative Economy
- Peer to Peer Economy

#### Which are the correct terms?

- There are several labels / terms used globally
- Key components are the same or similar

#### Freelance and Gig Worker

Providers of services in this form of economy are generally referred to as 'freelancer' or 'gig worker'; they are enabled by digital, not an employee / self-employed and categorized as part of the informal work sector

#### Disrupting Economic Sectors at Global Scale

Role of digital technology and digitalization in transforming business models



### IMPACT OF SHARING ECONOMY TO SECTORS MEETING

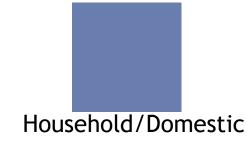


#### Disrupting Economic Sectors at Global Scale













**Efficiency** 

**Cost Savings** 

**Wider Options** 

Quality

**New Form of Employment** 

#### Impact can be augmented through:

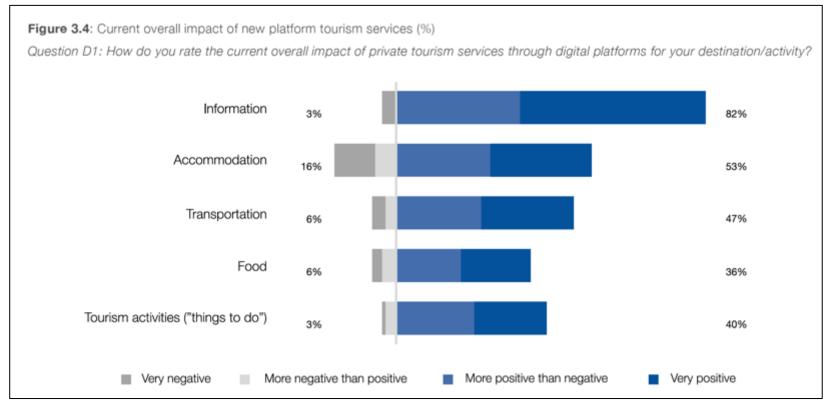
- High participation of communities to improve productivity and derive income/benefits
- Government's facilitation to address trust issues between supply and demand, and enabling environment
- Government's open policy to embrace Sharing Economy model, promoting a fair level and competitive playing field vis-à-vis the traditional model of the incumbents

#### SHARING ECONOMY IMPACT TO TOURISM SECTOR MEDIC



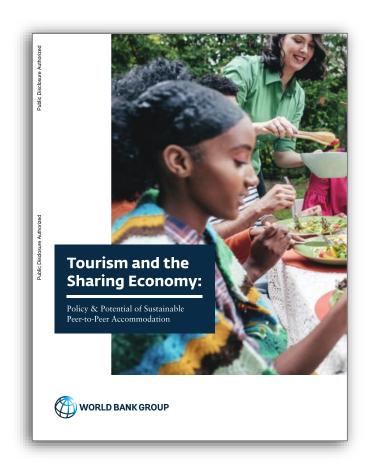
**UNWTO Report,** September 2017

- New platform tourism services are expected to continue growing in importance in the coming decade
- Despite the challenges, the positive **impact** of new platform tourism services • outweighs the negative effect
- Globally, tourists welcomed emergence of new platform tourism services – benefitting from innovation, convenience, broader choice and lower prices – which in turn driving greater interest to use services on offer
  - Consensus among traditional businesses **no point in** denying expansion and popularity of platform services



### **OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES IN P2P ACCOMMODATION**

Digital platforms have a particularly significant impact on the tourism sector. They provide both **opportunities and challenges** for countries looking to harness tourism to help achieve goals such as ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity.



Opportunities		Challenges	
1.	Helps attract new markets and demographics to new and existing destinations.	1.	May be unregistered and unregulated.
2.	Influences the type and nature of visitor purchases and services.	2.	May not be following tax laws.
3.	Builds consumer trust to visit a destination in new ways and try new products.	3.	Can cause disturbances in a residential community.
4.	Lowers the barriers to entry for entrepreneurship.	4.	May cause housing prices and rents to increase.
5.	Supports homeowners and helps prevent displacement.	5.	May put visitors at higher risk.
6.	Enables the dispersion of tourists in a wider geographical area.	6.	May impact the job-intensive hotel sector.
7.	Increases access to market, which is particularly helpful for community-based homestays.	7.	May benefit only a small minority.
8.	Provides flexible inventory to meet the rise and fall of demand and assists in times of crisis.	8.	Providers lack organization and representation.
9.	Has a relatively small environmental footprint.	9.	Contributes to the impact of "overtourism".
10.	Collects real-time data about visitors.		Internationally located P2P platforms divert income that would otherwise be earned locally.

Source: World Bank Group Report, 2018

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## **EVOLUTION OF P2P ACCOMMODATION**



### **PLATFORMS**

First there was...





Then...



plus many others

#### Today... There's more of everything

Spectrum: P2P ~ B2C ~ B2B Hotel-ification of homesharing Airbnb entering corporate & hotel space







onefinestay

**Plus: Aggregators** 

















### SHARING ECONOMY PLATFORM PARTNERS as of May 2020



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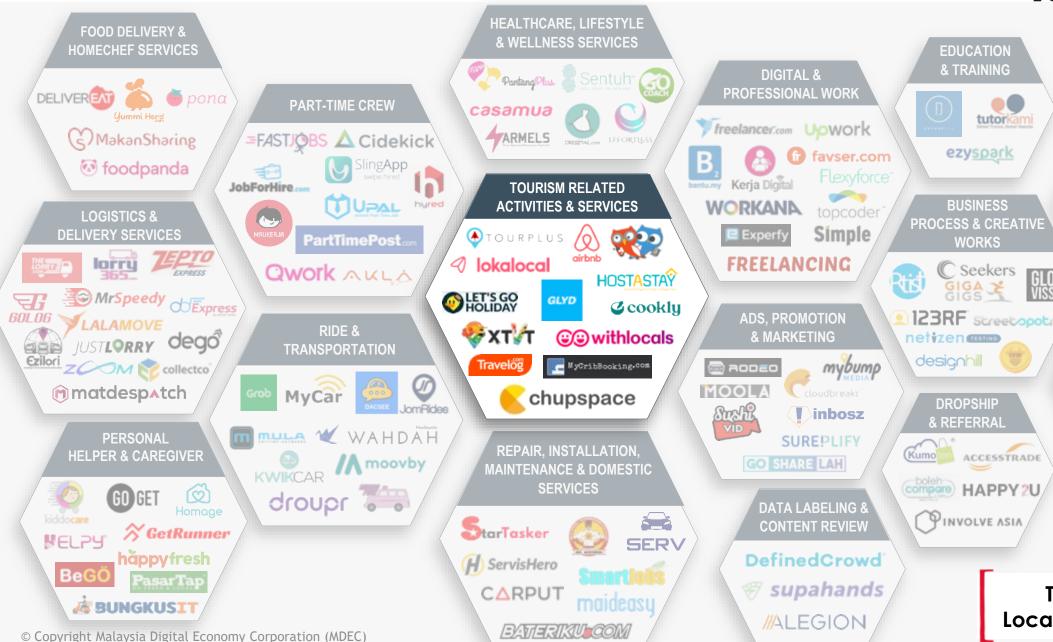
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### CREATING AN ECOSYSTEM FOR DIGITAL TOURISM





#### **Experience Hosts**











Other New Digital **Tourism Activities:** 

Examples of potential new local platforms: **Cultural Experience Nature Experience** Traditional Healthcare

#### Leverage on Sharing Economy Models

- Malaysia's Authentic Local Experience
  - provided by Malaysian community-at-large, via collaborations and linkages with global and local platforms
  - capturing the free & independent travelers and millennial tourists – who prefer to live and eat like locals when traveling
  - Customize package that is exclusive to every state.
- Combined and concerted effort to enrich Malaysia's Tourism content, with easy access via multiple channels

#### POST COVID-19: EMERGING TOURISM TRENDS



## SOCIAL DISTANCING & HYGIENE

- Travel privacy & preference for less crowded facilities
- Attractions that support physical distancing
- permissible capacity levels
- Usage of mobile, virtual and contactless solutions.



#### MICRO-HOLIDAYS / STAYCATION

- Small, closer to home, safer & more affordable, throughout the year.
- A short holiday or long weekend to spend quality time and relax.





- Shorten-distance destinations travel by road instead of flights
- Closer-to-home destinations (within a few hours drive)
- Less frequently visited tourist destinations may benefit from the demand for less crowded places.



#### NATURE / RURAL TOURISM

- Nature-based tourism, fresh air & outdoor activities (birdwatching, mountain sightseeing, seaside, stargazing, camping, hiking).
- Allow tourists to put together social distancing, discovery and contact with nature.



### ENABLED BY DIGITAL

- Tourism products and services are shifting towards being offered through digital channels
- Increase in usage of digital tech and apps to access to services

# HOW DO WE PLAY IN A CHANGING GAME TO ACHIEVE THE VISION OF SHARED PROSPERITY



- What are the roles of a Government in a Digital Economy
  - Wealth creation in an extremely connected / globalised world
  - Social well being, local/cultural values
  - New problems, New divides can be widening instead of closing
  - People vs people, people vs machines, machines vs machines
  - New form of "nations" google, facebook, etc.

## THANK YOU

