

Main Market of Bursa Malaysia, the company is now led by chief executive officer Azlan Zainal Abidin, who has over two decades of experience in managing profitable business-to-business companies in systems integration, consulting, and telecommunications.

## What does winning the Pikom Digital Excellence Award mean to you

The award underscores our commitment to advancing Malaysia's digital landscape, particularly in the education sector. It acknowledges our team's dedication to providing innovative cloud solutions that enable educational institutions to embrace digital advancements. This recognition also highlights the significance of collaborating with government and industry leaders to deliver secure, scalable cloud solutions for public

What do you think about Pikom's role in building and promoting the tech

## industry ecosystem?

Pikom plays a crucial role in the tech sector by connecting us with organisations and individuals who share our vision for advancing Malaysia's digital economy. By championing industry standards and addressing the needs of the tech community, Pikom fosters a strong ecosystem where companies like Awantec can innovate, grow, and significantly impact the nation's digital future.

## How have your solutions helped your customers in their businesses?

Our cloud solutions have profoundly transformed Malaysia's education landscape, especially through our partnerships with the Higher Education Ministry and the Education Ministry. We have facilitated a smooth transition to digital learning for schools and universities, thereby enhancing the quality of education nationwide. Additionally, our involvement in a high-performance computing project with the National Water Research Institute of Malaysia supports climate

change research and development. This demonstrates our commitment to leveraging technology to address complex challenges and showcases the versatility and impact of our cloud services.

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## What are the key factors driving cloud services in Malaysia today?

Kev drivers for cloud services in Malaysia include the push towards digital transformation, government digitalisation initiatives, and the need for secure, compliant cloud infrastructure. Awantec is at the forefront of this change, leveraging strategic partnerships and a deep understanding of local needs to provide advanced cloud solutions for businesses and government agencies. For example, the government's Malaysia Digital Economy Blueprint has accelerated cloud adoption, and projects like MyGovUC 3.0. which Awantec is involved in. highlight the role of cloud-based solutions in enhancing communication and collaboration among government agencies.