

## **PIKOM Launches Industry Internship Program to Bridge Skills Gap**

**KUALA LUMPUR, May 31, 2023** – The National Tech Association of Malaysia (PIKOM) today announced the launch of the PIKOM Industry Internship Program, a new initiative to bridge the skills gap in the digital industry.

The program will initially start off from June 2023 with Nottingham University, HELP University and Sunway University, with plans to invite more IHLs later in the year. It will provide participants with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the tech industry through a paid internship at a participating PIKOM member company.

“The ICT industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors in Malaysia, and there is a growing demand for skilled tech workers,” said Ong Chin Seong, Chairman of PIKOM. “The PIKOM Industry Internship Program is a structured program that will help to bridge the skills gap by providing students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in the industry.”

The program will run for a period of twelve weeks, and participants will be assigned to a mentor who will help guide them to develop their skills and knowledge. Participants will also be given the opportunity to network with other tech professionals.

“We are confident that the PIKOM Industry Internship Program will be a valuable experience for students and will help them to develop the skills they need to succeed in the tech industry,” said Ong.

In the pipeline is also apprenticeship program for graduates in partnership with LGMS Berhad for Cybersecurity and HT Consulting (Asia) Sdn. Bhd. for software development. The program enrolment will be expanded with support from A.P. EMCO Executives Sdn. Bhd. and Talent in Motion Sdn. Bhd. (kabel.my).

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**About PIKOM**

PIKOM, THE NATIONAL TECH ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA, is the association representing the technology industry in Malaysia. Its membership currently stands at more than 1,000 active companies involved in a whole spectrum of tech products and services, and which command 80% of the total TECH business in Malaysia.

There are 7 Chapters under PIKOM: GBS Malaysia; CIO; Cybersecurity; E-Commerce; Venture Investment; SpaceTech and Women in Tech. These chapters help improve and drive the business climate for all member companies, together with promoting industry growth in line with national aspirations.

As the Voice of the Tech Industry, PIKOM embraces the task of growing the size and capabilities of the tech industry in Malaysia by creating opportunities for its members as well as all Malaysians to capture the benefits offered by advances in technology

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