# Bringing Asean entrepreneurs together

EVOLVING REGIONAL BUSINESS: 1AES summit expected to attract 8,000 participants

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\*HE upcoming 1 Asean Entrepreneurs Summit 2015 (1AES) will be a fitting prologue for aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners in preparation for the much-anticipated Asean Economic Community (AEC).

Finance Ministry Treasury Secretary-General Tan Sri Dr Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah said 1AES provided a platform for interaction among Asean entrepreneurs and facilitated networking and fostered collaboration within the region.

He said it would allow entrepreneurs and business owners to capitalise on the services and facilitation offered by ecosystem enablers and connectors.

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"It is a great avenue for business matching. The opportunities are there and participants need to grab them," he told Business Times yesterday.

Irwan said it is important for Asean entrepreneurs and ecosystem builders to

come together in partnership and collaborate to evolve the way Asean does busi-

1AES will be held from Nov 16 to 22 and is expected to draw 8,000 participants from Malaysia and the region, comprising local and Asean entrepreneurs, as well as community leaders, non-governmental organisations, public and private sectors, investors, buyers and collaborators.

"To date, we have 6,500 registered participants from more than 60 countries, including Indonesia, the Philippines, Nigeria, Bangladesh, China, India, the US, Australia, South Korea, the United Kingdom, Spain and Sudan," Irwan said.

The one-week summit will be packed with inspiring speakers, skill-building programmes and a plethora of exciting opportunities for Asean entrepreneurs from every industry, at every level to fulfil every need.

Themed "Futurising Asean Entrepreneurs", the summit will feature more than 40 international and regional speakers to share entrepreneurial success stories with entrepreneurs.

Speakers include Tommy Palm from Candy Crush Saga, Jeff Hoffman of Priceline and Cooljar, Mark Thompson of Virgin Unite Mentors, Eric Alexander of Uber and Victor Hwang of T2Ventures and author of

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Irwan said 1AES is held in conjunction with Malaysia's 2015 Asean chairmanship.

According to him, it was geared to propel the Asean economy and entrepreneurship into a major global player.

"This is in line with the spirit of the Asean Summit, which was held earlier, to create a people-oriented, peoplecentred Asean via cooperation, economic growth and socio-cultural development," he said.

"Asean has unique products of great demand, with some brands being popular internationally," he said.

The summit also includes a week-long

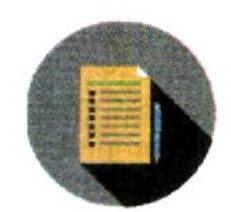
site event that will offer a variety of entrepreneurship-driven programmes and activities aimed at helping Asean entrepreneurs network, seek funding, and receive support and facilitation from the ecosystem.

Those interested to register online for 1AES, can do so at www.laes.my.

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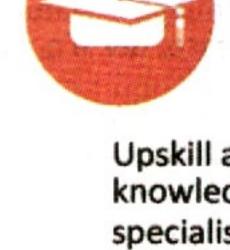
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