



## **MDEC CONFERRED WITH WCO CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD REPRESENTING RMCD**

- *MDEC's collaboration with RMCD paves the way for eCommerce growth through data-driven trade facilitation*
- *Digitalisation in trade facilitation enhances efficiency and enforcement in border clearance*

**SELANGOR, 3 FEBRUARY 2020** - Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) did the nation proud by being honored with the World Customs Organization (WCO) Certificate of Merit award at the 38th International Customs Day (ICD) 2020 celebration held recently in Selangor.

The WCO award was conferred to MDEC, representing the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD), for rendering exceptional service to the international Customs community. It is a recognition of MDEC's collaboration with the RMCD to digitalise trade facilitation in Malaysia.

The WCO Certificate of Merit was presented to MDEC, represented by its Chief Operating Officer, Dato' Ng Wan Peng, by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Dato' Wira Ir. Haji Amiruddin Hamzah accompanied by the Director General of RMCD, Dato' Seri Paddy bin Abd Halim.

Commenting on the recognition, Dato' Ng Wan Peng said, "This WCO Certificate of Merit award marks a significant milestone for MDEC on our initiative to enable digital transformation and adoption. eCommerce has become an important part of international trade. The adoption and growth of eCommerce are creating vast opportunities for local companies and SMEs to tap into global demand in cross-border trade. With high volumes of small parcels and buyers' expectations for quick fulfillment in cross-border eCommerce, Customs authorities around the world need to enhance efficiency in trade facilitation while performing their enforcement responsibilities. MDEC



is fully committed to collaborating with RMCD in its trade facilitation digitalisation journey to ensure speed and efficiency in border clearance."

"With digitalisation, data can be captured and processed seamlessly, which subsequently translates to high-accuracy data outputs that can be a powerful tool for planning, enforcement and risk management. This initiative by MDEC, in collaboration with RMCD, paves the way towards a data-driven trade facilitation to drive the nation's digital economy forward and places Malaysia at the Heart of Digital ASEAN", she added.

MDEC remains steadfast to capitalise on the exponential growth of the digital economy and cross-border eCommerce by facilitating digital cross-border trade. This initiative seeks to elevate Malaysia as an investment destination for regional eCommerce fulfillment hubs subsequently turning the cross-border eCommerce industry into an engine of growth towards a future of shared prosperity.

The WCO Certificate of Merit is awarded to eight (8) public and private sector organisations, including MDEC, for their involvement and contribution in driving economic growth and preserving national security, in conjunction with the 38<sup>th</sup> ICD 2020 celebration.

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### **About Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)**

The Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) is the 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, today MDEC has evolved rapidly by prioritising and driving digital and tech innovation. MDEC's primary mandate is to accelerate digitally-skilled Malaysian, digitally-powered businesses and digital investments in Malaysia. We strive to develop an environment that fosters innovation, jobs, and investment through collaboration and advocacy with policymakers, regulatory agencies, businesses, and industry partners. Our focus is on creating an inclusive high-quality growth through the nationwide digitalisation initiative that is in line with the Government' Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 and firmly establishing Malaysia as the Heart of Digital ASEAN.

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