

Diving into IoT with Krenovator



Fadillah Iskandar, PSI Global Sdn Bhd Chief Operating Officer.

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THE average user might not know it as the Internet of Things (IoT) - but it's a technology that is in the process of transforming numerous areas of our everyday lives.

IoT refers to the online connectivity of everyday objects around us; it might be your laptop and smartphones, but it can also be any technology for that matter, from a washing machine to smart cars or toothbrushes.

And while it might not seem like an obvious application of the IoT, education is included on that list.

With the rapid advancement in technology and the steep learning curve of the actual working world, there has always been a

gap between education and the industrial standards.

Realising the need to lessen the gap, a team of three enthusiastic people established PSI Global Sdn Bhd to tackle and provide solutions on this matter.

Fadillah Iskandar, Chief Operating Officer of PSI Global Sdn Bhd, said: "Technology is changing the world and it is our duty to equip young people with the skills they will require to succeed in an uncertain future."

Fadillah, who majored in Information System Engineering, said it wasn't easy to find a job after she graduated in 2008.

"What I learned in the university was not what the industry wanted.

"In the tech industry, change happens everyday."



EXP Book is an IoT self-learning tool developed by Krenovator.

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This thought was also shared by Mahadhir Yunus, Chief Executive Officer and Dr Syahril Idris, Chief Technology Officer of PSI Global Sdn Bhd. This had inspired them to set up a sub brand, "Krenovator" which means Creative Innovator, in 2017.

"We should prepare for the abilities that will be needed by our graduates in the future," said Fadillah.

With a dream to make Malaysia a leading nation in technology, Krenovator ventures into Myedtech and EXP BOOK series as solutions.

He said there are currently 21 local companies under Myedtech community focusing on IoT, robotics, automotive, transportation, waste management, retail and fashion.

Krenovator also believes that experience is the best learning process for everyone. That is why they came up with the EXP BOOK - Experience by Experiment, the first step in learning about Internet of Things and self-learning tools.

"We provide complete modules to learn hardware, like sensors, till students are able to build their own IoT dashboard (software).

"And we provide industry study cases for students to explore more on the types of IoT applications trending in the industry," Fadillah added.

Krenovator will provide IoT workshops starting from November 2018 onwards for the public.

In this workshop, participants will use IOT EXP BOOK by Krenovator to learn basic fundamentals and conduct various IoT hands-on project. For more information please refer to their Facebook and website (<https://www.facebook.com/krenovator/> and www.krenovator.com).

Into the brave new world of co-working spaces

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CO-WORKING SPACES have flourished in Malaysia with dozens of locations popping up in the Klang Valley where entrepreneurs, freelancers and creative minds plug in, exchange ideas and hustle on their side gigs.

Unlike virtual offices, which provide office space and administrative services, co-working spaces offer entrepreneurs and start-ups a working space built around a collaborative environment.

Co-working locations first started appearing in Malaysia in 2010 with PAPER + TOAST, which recently won Malaysia Rice Bowl Startup Awards for best co-working space. The award is the recognition for its services, support and resources, catering to fast-growth tech start-ups, and for creating a culture and environment that fosters innovation.

PAPER + TOAST will proceed to the exciting finale -- ASEAN Rice Bowl Startup Awards 2018 in Bali in December.

Its Director, Wan Imran Wan Abdul Rahman said that PAPER + TOAST was built with the aim of serving as a "one-stop community platform" for businesses, entrepreneurs and start-ups to get together, to gain critical business skills and knowledge, as well as to come together to collaborate.



PAPER + TOAST has a great open concept which makes it ideal for brainstorming in a community of like-minded people.

PAPER + TOAST is ideal for newer start-ups that do not own an office space yet, but wish to still have a physical place where they can have a business address and a landline number.

"The idea first sparked off from the technology that enables remote working and addresses the concerns of working adults, including nomadic lifestyles, cost-saving and flexibility to network.

"When we first started, the concept of co-working barely existed in Malaysia, which made it hard to explain what we were doing.

"Hence, we decided to incorporate food and beverages as part of the human needs element," he said.

Located at Fahrenheit88 Office Tower in Bukit Bintang, the heart of Kuala Lumpur's financial centre, this bustling co-working spot has the kind of warmth that is seriously

infectious. It comprises a community of almost 300 who are friendly and eager to "collab" on any creative project you've got up your sleeve.

Aside from the communal workspace and meeting rooms, there are designated areas that double as event venues for your next meeting, conference, brainstorming/team-building sessions, or networking events.



Wan Imran, PAPER + TOAST Director.

Wan Imran said, PAPER + TOAST is not just about the desks and the chairs.

"Yes, we have the space, but we also have access to a network of services and it is a place to collaborate with other like-minded people.

"We are also offering seminars and workshops that will benefit the entrepreneur community.

"Through the years of hosting various kinds of co-workers, from start-ups and business owners to MNC representatives, we have identified through research challenges that most businesses face.

"With the findings that we compiled, PAPER + TOAST has crafted a series of business programmes that are relevant to start-ups, business owners and working adults," he added. Reach PAPER + TOAST at www.paperandtoast.com.