



LAUNCHING OF MALAYSIA SMART CITY FRAMEWORK



On 23th September 2019, Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia launched the Malaysia Smart City Framework and officiated 4.0 International Conference and Exhibition held on 23 September 2019 until 24 September 2019 at Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur.

The Framework, set for implementation for 2019 until 2025 was developed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MHLG) to serves as a national reference and guideline especially for cities and their local governments, and other relevant agencies and stakeholders in developing and implementing smart city initiatives. This comprehensive framework comprises all three tiers of government, as well as private sector participation to streamline and coordinate smart cities development in Malaysia. This is also to ensure a more informed decision making by the Government which takes into consideration views from all the relevant stakeholders.



Moreover, turning Malaysian cities into smart cities would be one of the highlights in the Twelfth Malaysia Plan. The Malaysia Smart City Framework is the Federal Government's commitment ensuring that cities are in the quest to be smart and sustainable and will leverage on other national initiatives such as the National Fiberisation and Connectivity Plan.

The second Cities 4.0 International Conference and Exhibition is the result of public and private collaboration between the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Human Life Advancement Foundation/Confexhub Group. This event also saw the launching of the Makan 5 Ringgit (Makan@5) mobile application that is the brainchild of HLAF together with the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, University Malaya (UM) and MMSC Ventures Sdn Bhd, This app will be most helpful for students, the lower income group, and first-time workers get to affordable, healthy meals within a limited budget considering today's high cost of living.

