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On the 30th May, Ir Ahmad Nazari attended an Executive Roundtable Dialogue by ABB and hosted by the embassy of Switzerland in Malaysia at Marble 8.

About 30 senior persons from the industry, government, GLCs as well as ABB were at the dialogue.

HE Mr Michael Winzap the ambassador of Switzerland to Malaysia delivered the welcome address.



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Ir Yusri Yusoff from PETRONAS Chemicals Group Bhd was there as well.



Ir Yusri of PCG and Ir Ahmad Nazari

ABB's Head of Digital presented ABB's perspective of the digital world and the networking within an Internet of Things, Services, Data and People.

The term Industry 4.0 is also used to refer to this fourth industrial revolution.

Volvo presented their latest work into the Autonomous vehicle, which is similar to the auto pilot.

The Chairman of the Energy Commission Dato' Abdul Razak Abdul Majid presented recent initiatives that the commission is driving towards a connected electrical network (or the Grid of Things, as the EC likes to call it). Dato' Abdul Razak also shared issues and challenges the government is facing when formulating policies and regulations, such as seeking decisions from politicians.



Chairman of the Energy Commission Dato' Abdul Razak

Other presenters at the dialogue are FMM and MDEC.

Interesting points to be shared:

- Malaysia is ranked 18th place among the world's top 20 most competitive economies (Singapore is at no 2)
- Malaysia is ranked 2nd place among the 8 ASEAN nations
- Digital economy contributed 17% to GDP, with a 12.6% YoY growth outpacing national GDP growth of 8.6%
- e-Commerce continues rapid growth, at RM63.8B growing at 5.6%
- Malaysia has the highest % GDP contribution from ICT industry (ahead of Germany, Canada, Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong)
- smartphone penetration in Malaysia is now at 51%
- The FMM (who has 2700 member companies) however feels that Malaysian manufacturers in general is sluggish in migrating towards Industry 4.0, and that most of SMEs are still in between 2.0 and 3.0 (38% of their members do not have access to high speed broadband)



Participants at the dialogue

