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# GEAR UP FOR I-NATION GLOBAL SUMMIT 2024: THE EVENT OF THE YEAR FOR INNOVATION ENTHUSIASTS

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: 29 November 2024 –** Mark your calendars! From 2nd to 4th December 2024, I-Nation Global Summit 2024 at the Connexion Conference & Event Centre (CCEC) in Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur, will transform into a hub of cutting-edge ideas, groundbreaking discussions, and unparalleled networking opportunities.

The highly anticipated I-Nation Global Summit 2024, hosted by **Malaysian Research Accelerator for Technology and Innovation (MRANTI)**, agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, is back for its third installment, promising to be a game-changer for Malaysia's tech and innovation ecosystem.

This year's theme, "Collaborate. Innovate. Elevate: Advancing Impactful Innovation Together," sets the stage for a mission-driven summit that unites policymakers, industry leaders, and tech visionaries. With a line-up of 53 inspiring speakers, including 15 international thought leaders, I-Nation 2024 will cover some of the most pressing topics of our time, from food security to climate change, artificial intelligence, and digital ecosystems.

#### **Unmissable Highlights:**

#### 1. Powerful Keynotes

Prof. Dr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Research Advisor at Khazanah Research Institute, will dive into an all-of-government approach to tackling food security, malnutrition, and public health.

**Tan Sri Tony Fernandes, CEO of Capital A Berhad**, will share the transformative journey of AirAsia from an airline to a digital and logistics powerhouse.

#### 2. Compelling PowerTalks and Dialogues:

Khairy Jamaluddin, Former Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation, will discuss Malaysia's efforts in advancing sustainable agriculture and robust food systems. His session will highlight how innovative practices and policies can build a resilient food ecosystem, drawing inspiration from global strategies like the European Green Deal. Attendees will explore key areas such as smart agriculture, dynamic training programs, and public-private partnerships.

YB Yeo Bee Yin, Member of Parliament, will be part of a panel discussing leveraging technology to combat climate change, an issue at the heart of Malaysia's development goals.

Aireen Omar, President (Investment & Ventures) of Capital A, will lead discussions on navigating the future job market with Al and automation.

#### **International Perspectives:**

**Dinis Guarda, CEO of Ztudium,** will deliver insights into how artificial intelligence (AI) and automation are reshaping the global job market. This session will explore strategies for workforce development, policy interventions, and reskilling programs to ensure no one is left behind in the age of AI-driven transformation. Attendees will gain practical knowledge on how to navigate and thrive in this rapidly evolving landscape.

Sasan Shaba, Vice President of Swedish Incubators & Science Parks, will highlight how science parks can nurture companies to scale up innovation—lessons Malaysia's ecosystem must not miss.

**Dr. Govinda Rajulu Chintala, former Chairman of NABARD,** will share his expertise in agri-tech innovations and policy interventions aimed at addressing resilient food security.

**Jack Melcher-Claesson of Epicenter Sweden** will address bridging the gap between innovation and entrepreneurship in today's global ecosystem.

What's New in 2024?

**Force for Good Roundtable:** A closed-door session focused on translating lab innovations into scalable agricultural technologies for sustainability.

**NTIS Global Sandbox Forum:** A platform for stakeholders to explore and accelerate tech solutions, featuring live pitches and success stories.

**HealthTech Innovation Connect:** A dedicated track exploring how cutting-edge health technologies are revolutionising the medical landscape.

Why Now?

As Malaysia gears up to chair ASEAN in 2025, the I-Nation Global Summit 2024 serves as a vital precursor to the region's innovation agenda. Topics like AI-driven healthtech solutions, human-machine synergy in business, and 4IR technologies in healthcare resonate deeply with Malaysia's ambition to lead in sustainable development and technological innovation.

Register Now at **mranti.my/i-nation**! Secure your spot at I-Nation Global Summit 2024 today and be part of a movement that shapes the future. Don't miss this opportunity to innovate, elevate, and collaborate with global leaders in technology and innovation.

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#### **ABOUT MRANTI**

The Malaysian Research Accelerator for Technology and Innovation (MRANTI), a convergence of Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) Corporation Sdn Bhd and the Malaysian Global Innovation and Creativity Centre (MaGIC), is Malaysia's central research commercialisation agency that fast-tracks the development of technology innovations from ideas to impact.

MRANTI serves as a connector, incubator and catalyst to enable early-stage ideation to mature entities to commercialise and scale. MRANTI offers innovators and industry access to world-class integrated infrastructure, interventions & programmes, partnership and a suite of resources. In doing so, MRANTI aims to expand Malaysia's funnel of innovation supply, and unlock new R&D value by ensuring effective transitions in the commercialisation lifecycle. It will also link academia with industry and the public sector to streamline market-driven R&D efforts for mission-based outcomes.

MRANTI is headquartered at MRANTI Park, an extensive 686 acre 4IR innovation hub in Kuala Lumpur, is supporting the growth of smart manufacturing, biotech, agritech, smart city, green tech and enabling technology clusters.

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