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### PAYMENTS NETWORK MALAYSIA HOSTS INAUGURAL PAYNET DIGITAL PAYMENTS WEEK 2023

- PDPW 2023 focuses on latest insights and global megatrends impacting the digital payments landscape
- Includes a digital payments industry summit, 4 speed pitches preceded by global payments megatrend sessions, a 24-hour hackathon and an academics' brownbag session
- Aimed at converging the nation's digital payments ecosystem with global international scene. Speakers line-up include senior regulator, international experts, incumbent banks, digital banks, e-wallets, TPAs, fintechs, digital start-ups and academics

**Kuala Lumpur, 8 May 2023** - Payments Network Malaysia Sdn Bhd ('PayNet') unveiled part of the speakers' line-up for the inaugural PayNet Digital Payments Week 2023 (PDPW 2023), happening between 24-29 May 2023. This digital payment industry event is expected to provide latest insights, global megatrends and innovations within and outside the country.

"We are excited to host PDPW 2023, the first ever national event bringing together payment-focused experts, investors, startups, and academia from across the country to talk about the future of digital payments in Malaysia," said Farhan Ahmad, Group CEO of PayNet. "With our central role as the shared national payments infrastructure, I'm delighted that we can be the catalyst to kick-start this important dialog," he added.

Taking place in the beautiful AICB campus in Kuala Lumpur, the week-long event offers a different spin from usual conference formats. The event kicks off on May 24<sup>th</sup> with 3 days of candid discussions and case studies that will provide a 360-degree view on payments innovation in Malaysia. This will be followed by a 24-hour hackathon with up to 50 teams as well a full day session to aid the academic fraternity fold digital payments awareness in academia.

PDPW 2023 is designed to be an intimate event where attendees will hear from senior leadership from BNM, state government, large banks, digital banks, e-wallets, accelerators, private and public venture capitalists, Fintech Association of Malaysia and Malaysian Business Angel Network, in addition to PayNet leadership. It promises to be an incredible forum for anyone interested in Malaysia's digital future.

Day 1 of the event kicks off on May 24<sup>th</sup> with an Everything Payments Summit comprising a fireside chat and 3 panel sessions on shaping the future of digital payments, 2 success stories on public sector modernization through digitalization, and positioning Malaysia as the hub for digital payments innovations.

PDPW 2023 then pivots to Payments Innovation Showcases over the next 2 days, setting the context with a special session on digital payments megatrends by a leading global technology provider followed by an international panel comprising digital payments experts from BigTechs, blockchain and digital ID spaces. The event will segue to 4 Speed Pitching sessions where 15 start-ups and fintechs will take centre stage with their 'asks'. The Showcase days will cap-off with a funders' session where angel investors, accelerators, and venture capitalists (private and public) share their tips on securing funding and other support.

The weekend will see a 24-hour hackathon with up to 50 teams competing to solve 1 of 4 'Challenges' to win a share of the RM50,000 cash prizes and a chance to get hired by PayNet. Finally, a brownbag session aimed at aiding the academic fraternity develop suitable curriculum to produce workforce-ready graduate talents for the digital payments industry will be held at PayNet's partner university campus, Asia Pacific

University. Insights will be shared with the academic fraternity on the needs of the digital payments start-ups space and contemporary issues on cybersecurity and resilience in digital payments.

Designed for optimizing networking, collaboration, investment, funding, and other opportunities, those attending can expect to benefit not only from the enriching contents but also from interactions with those attending.

For more information and to register, visit [PayNet Digital Payments Week 2023 | 24-29 May 2023 \(paynetweek.com\)](https://paynetweek.com). #PDPW2023. Spaces will fill up fast.

### **About Paynet**

PayNet is Malaysia's premier payments network and central infrastructure for financial markets. We innovate, build and operate world-class payment systems and financial market infrastructures that safely, reliably and efficiently enable the functioning and development of Malaysia's financial system as well as the economy as a whole. Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) is PayNet's single largest shareholder, with eleven Malaysian's Banks as joint shareholders.

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