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ACCESS MALAYSIA

Empowering the nation through Blockchain Technology

Dear esteemed members,

My name is Rene, President of Access Blockchain Association, registered with Registry of Societies as “Pertubuhan Rangkaian Blok Akses”. This marks the first edition of a series of quarterly updates we are committing to on our activities as a society, and developments of note in Malaysia’s cryptocurrency and blockchain space.

Organizational Updates Q1 – Q2 2018 :

1. The Access Blockchain Association (ACCESS) has been operating on a skeleton crew of volunteers since our founding in July 2017, fortunately this is no longer the case. I’m proud to introduce our first full-time staff; Ms Sasha to oversee our general administration. With the addition of Sasha to our team, we hope to significantly improve our internal processes regarding memberships, communications, and coordination matters.

2. Access Blockchain Association present roster of Executive Committee (EXCO) are as follows :

- President – Rene Bernard
- Vice President – Azam Razman
- Secretary – Aaron Ting
- Vice Secretary – Colbert Low
- Treasurer – Affendi Ariffin
- Ordinary Committee Member – Nasir Sobri
- Ordinary Committee Member – Anson Zeall
- Ordinary Committee Member – Adam Aiman
- Ordinary Committee Member – Abdullah Faez
- Ordinary Committee Member – Tan Jing Hong

between our ordinary members. We plan to do this by organizing Sub-Committees for which ordinary members can join and contribute in their own capacities.

3. Our current membership roster are as follows :

- Individuals - 53
- Corporate -11
- Students - 6

Membership growth is an important area that we need to focus on, and one which I concede we are in need of improvement. More members mean more resources, and more clout in gaining regulatory attention. However, while individual sign-ups are straightforward, corporate applications sometimes presented a dilemma - our EXCO needs to ensure that Access Blockchain Association does not face legal risk. One of the sub-committees planned; "Memberships" are tasked to look into this area.

4.Back-Office : It has taken us a while, but we have finally been able to assemble service providers for our back office operations. Admittedly, this exercise has been more difficult than we thought, simply hearing "cryptocurrencies" seemed to scare service providers away. Nevertheless relevant service providers are as follows:-

- Auditor – YYC & Co.
- Accountant – SKG Management Solutions
- Tax Agent – YYC & Co.
- Company Secretary – KL Management (KLM)
- Bank - Maybank Berhad

With our back-office matters firmed-up, we hope we will be able to comply with all requirements related to the Registrar of Societies (ROS).

5. Annual General Meeting : We are planning to organize our inaugural AGM some time in Q3 2018, where members may formally be updated on the association progress, vote on important resolutions, as well volunteer for proposed sub-committees. You will be receiving invitation on this matter soon.

Development Updates Q1 - Q2 2018 :

1. ACCESS-BLOCKZERO MOU

Blockzero Sdn Bhd is a private company that aims to develop a co-working space specializing in Blockchain startups in Iskandar, Johor. The company is working together with Khazanah Nasional and is looking to market to Johor-based, as well as Singapore-based blockchain companies. The MOU with

2. ACCESS - Oasis Discovery Centre (ODC) MOU

ODC is a private company that aims to develop a community centre in Oasis Damansara. The company has offered Access Blockchain Association a permanent spot where we can hold events and market ourselves to the public. As with Blockzero, the MOU with Access Blockchain Association is for general collaboration and does not constitute a binding agreement.



3. Application to be admitted into Sirim Standard Committee

Mr. Rene Bernard, President of Access Blockchain Association attended a meeting by the Malaysian Standards Technical Committee on Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies (Standards Committee) (as an *Observer*) on 26 June 2018. This was set to be an early introductory effort for Access Blockchain Association to be included as a member of the mentioned committee. Although the outcome is yet to be announced, we believe Access Blockchain Association may be able to contribute to the blockchain ecosystem at large through the collective knowledge base of its members. Having said that, technical-knowhow and other input from members may be a shining factor for the association to be moving forward in this matter.

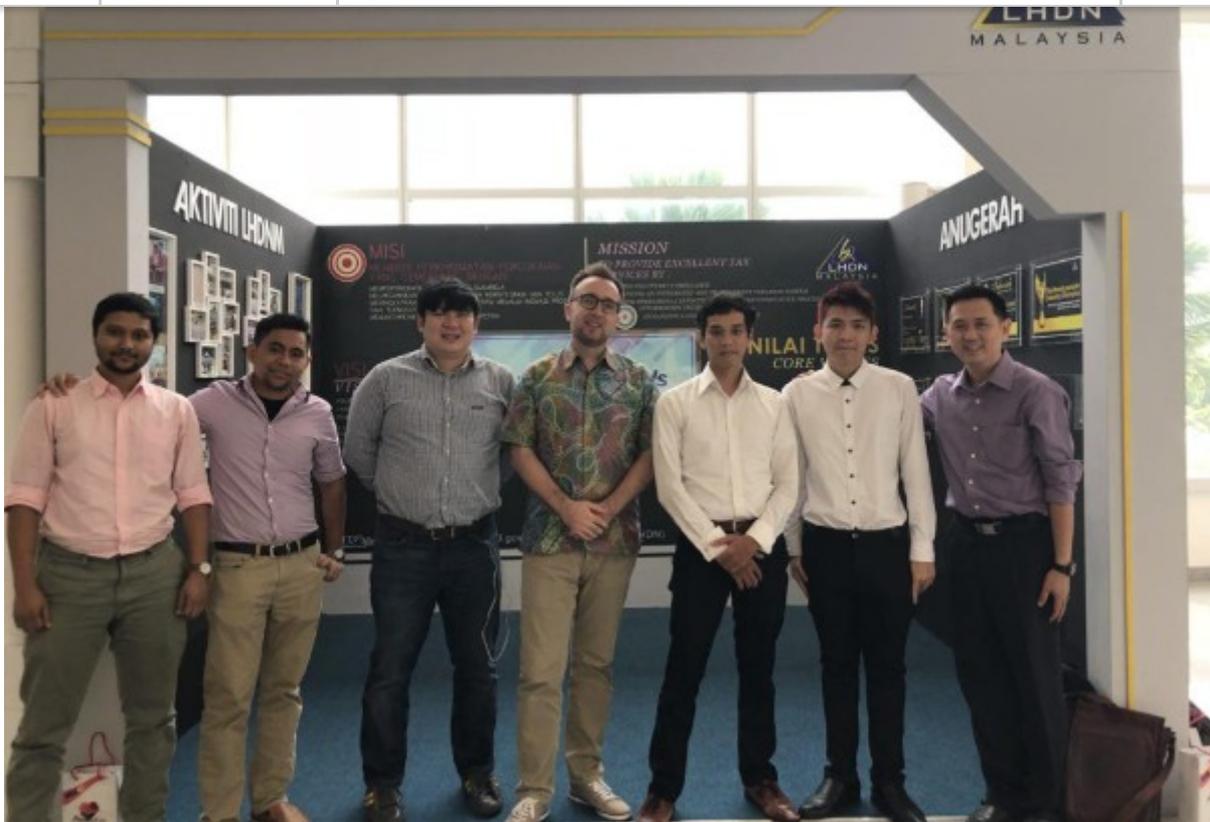
There have been many meetups focusing on the cryptocurrency and blockchain space in Malaysia, especially around Kuala Lumpur & Pulau Pinang. Most meetups are open to the public, while some are proprietary. Access Blockchain Association EXCO members typically take turns in attending these meetups, some regularly. In addition to engaging with the blossoming communities, our goal is to also keep an eye out for potential scams. If you would like to attend a meetup, but are unsure of its organizers, please contact colbert@access-my.org. Bear in mind that Access Blockchain Association is neither a regulator nor enforcer, and it is up to the public to make informed decisions on these matters.

5. ACCESS (Global) - Paid Members Only Telegram Group

This telegram group is the premier tool for keeping abreast with latest developments. The group is shared with Access Blockchain Association (SG) and is monitored by our Admin, and the Admin of Access Blockchain Association (SG). There have been issues in onboarding members into the group in the past, for which we apologize - we aim to be more prompt in the future.

6. Briefing @LHDN

On 21 May 2018, ACCESS have been invited to brief the Deputy DG in charge of policy at LHDN. As you might have heard, in December 2017 one of our corporate members were investigated by the LHDN, and we are hoping for clear rules so that Malaysian individuals and corporates may invest and transact in cryptocurrencies without running afoul of the law. This briefing will be the first session in what we see as a long and continuous engagement process until LHDN can come up with something more concrete. If you would like a copy of our presentation materials, please contact sasha@access-my.org



7. Briefing @MIDF

On 24th March 2018, ACCESS have been invited by the investment bank MIDF to brief their staff and clients on blockchains and cryptocurrencies. The talk focused on some brief history, general principals and market commentary. We have received an enthusiastic response and optimistically, we hope one day we may even see our very own Bitcoin-ETF listed on Bursa Malaysia. As above, if you would like a copy of our presentation materials, please contact sasha@access-my.org

8. Cyberjaya Blockchain Developers Meetup (CBDM)

On 27 June 2018 & 26 July 2018, Access Blockchain Association have been invited to give a speech on topics of Introduction to Blockchain, Smart Contract & Lightning Network (Part 1) & Token Curated Registries & Lightning Network. This meetup is set up to provide a space for developers to share and discuss blockchain technology related topics. We are trying out new format so this meetup we will have 2 sharing sessions with each session cater to beginner/intermediate and advanced developers respectively. The corporate association member BlockLime organizes the Cyberjaya Blockchain Developer Meetups. LuxTag Sdn.Bhd, another corporate member of Access Blockchain Association, has sponsored F&B for the July event as well as appointed the speaker on the Bitcoin Lightning topic Mr Adam Mashrique.

That concludes our Q1-Q2 updates for Access Blockchain Association. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our association and we hope we can ramp out our efforts to improve the

9. Other briefings,

From time to time, our EXCO members were invited to present on topics related to cryptocurrencies and blockchain to interested clients in the education, regulatory or corporate space. These so far have been pro-bono affairs, which is limited by the time and speaker we have available. Some minor clients in Q1-Q2 2018 include Labuan IBFC and Monash University. Materials tend to be recyclable, hence we hope we can have a program where ordinary may be trained to give such talks to their respective communities, especially outside of the Klang Valley.



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