

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Assalamualaikum dan Salam Sejahtera.

First and foremost, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) staff who were involved in the publication of SSM's Annual Report 2021.



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This is my second year of service in SSM as its Chairman. This year is also the second year Malaysia is facing the COVID-19 pandemic albeit in a new environment with the introduction of vaccine where the complete vaccination rate for the adult population under the National COVID-19 Immunization Plan (PICK) has reached 90 per cent. Thus, we are on the path of economic recovery through the re-opening of restaurant premises, grocery stores, shopping malls, sports facilities including gymnasiums, offices and other premises.

From the beginning of year 2020 to 2021, our country and the whole world has been tested with the COVID-19 pandemic whereby it not only challenged our strengths as individuals, but it also tested our resilience as an organisation responsible for regulating the business community in the country. With the growing threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, SSM staff needed to further increase their precaution and abide by the SOPs when offering services to customers.

In facing the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted the corporate and business sectors, SSM has introduced 11 initiatives in 2021 to alleviate the burden of those affected. The initiatives include the introduction of a 30 days moratorium for the filing of statutory documents under the Companies Act 2016 and the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2012, 30 days after the end of the total lockdown period as well as the exemption of late filing fees. The initiatives were introduced in wake of the global and

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domestic economic conditions that may take longer to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

SSM also introduced other initiatives such as the 90% compound reduction company name cancellation under section 549/ 550 of the Companies Act 2016 until 31 December 2021, permanently raising the indebtedness threshold from RM10,000 to RM50,000 effective from 1 April 2021. Apart from that, SSM also provide for a 90 days extension of time for companies with financial years ending 1 November 2020 to 31 January 2021 to distribute financial statements, hold Annual General Meetings, lodge the financial statements and were provided with a waiver for the application for time extension and various other initiatives that have been announced from time to time after taking into consideration various parties' views.

Meanwhile, in the effort to strengthen SSM's corporate governance, SSM is preparing the Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships Bills. Currently, the Company's Bill is in being finalised by the Drafting Division of the Attorney General's Chambers. The Limited Liability Partnerships Bill will be finalised based on the drafting of provisions that have been agreed on the Corporate Rescue Mechanism under the Company's Bill.

Both drafts of the Company's and LLP Bills are proposed to be tabled in the Parliament. Among the proposals in the Bills include the enhancement of Corporate Rescue Mechanism and Scheme of Compromise or Arrangement under the Companies Act 2016 as well as the introduction of Corporate Rescue Mechanism under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2012. These enhancements are important to help the corporate sector facing financial difficulties, especially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the national economy as well as SSM's role in supporting ongoing initiatives by the Government.

In addition, the study on the impact of the economic gig sector on the registration requirements under the Registration of Businesses Act 1956 is part of the legal reform study that is being done for the purpose of modernising the Act in line with current business trends. I would like to share with all that economic gig is a job carried out without an employer by selling services to others be it full time or part time.

I would like to quote YAB Prime Minister Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri Yaakob's speech on 23 October 2021 during *Majlis Pelancaran Keluarga Malaysia*. During the event, he called on each ministry to introduce programmes and initiatives to help reduce the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, SSM has

designed programmes that focus on B40 and full-time higher learning institutions students to promote *Skim Pendaftaran Perniagaan Prihatin* (SPPP) through *Program Bimbingan Usahawan 21* (PBU21) and *Program Usahawan Muda 21* (PUM21).

Alhamdulillah, all these programmes have succeeded in achieving the registration of a total of 429 PBU21 participants and 3,308 PUM21 participants. The programmes were implemented with the aim of guiding and encouraging the B40 group and full-time higher learning institutions students to get involved in business and contribute to the country's economic development.

I hope that SSM as the regulator of the corporate and business sectors will continue to maintain this momentum in balanced enforcement practices and at the same time be vigilant and attentive to the needs of SSM's stakeholders. This is important to support inclusive economic growth and sustainable development as set out in the 12th Malaysia Plan.

I am confident that SSM has the expertise, experience and authority to provide more excellent services to stakeholders in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders, Members of the Commission, the Executive Management and SSM staff for their continued support, dedication and contribution. Hopefully this commitment and spirit of teamwork will continue to be maintained in the future.

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