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TIE FORMS MALAYSIAN CHAPTER

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 22 (Bernama) -- The IndUS Entrepreneurs (TIE), a non-profit global network of entrepreneurs and professionals founded in the Silicon Valley, is forming the Malaysian Chapter today to inspire entrepreneurs in Malaysia on a massive scale.

Its founder and chairman of TIE board of trustees, Kanwal Rekhi, said the organisation, formed in 1992, currently has 30 Chapters including the latest, Singapore, and over 10,000 members.

Relating on TIE, he said the organisation was first set up by entrepreneurs in the Silicon Valley to help people with roots from the Indus Valley (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan) to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

He said about a third of the entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley were from the Indus origin and following the success of creating such entrepreneurship, TIE would like to inspire more people from this region.

"I've seen some Chinese, also Filipinos there (Silicon Valley) but there is no Malaysian or Thais or Indonesian," he told reporters after a courtesy call by the TIE delegation at Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's office here today.

Kanwal said Malaysia would benefit a lot by sending its people for internships in the companies there to give them first hand experience.

He said TIE's activities include open forums and gatherings to educate entrepreneurs, encourage others to become entrepreneurs as well as provide access to a network of existing entrepreneurs. -- BERNAMA

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